

# MIDWAY BOOSTERS

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**LIFE IN EARLY MIDWAY  
TRUTH OR FOLKLORE**

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Life in the Provo Valley was a real challenge in 1859, especially for those who settled along Snake Creek, north of what was to become Midway. The presence of Indians and rattle snakes made them wonder if they had made the right choice settling where they did.

When they started bringing the logs, for home building, from what is now Snake Creek and Pine Canyons, not only the men found it a great challenge, but also, their teams of horses didn't like the snakes. They had to tolerate each trip up the canyons.

The northern settlement about two miles north of today's Midway City, soon became known as Mound City because of the many limestone formations in the area. This area had the most trouble with the rattlesnakes.

The snakes congregated in the warm water pots around the Homestead of today. They survived the cold winters snuggled in the warm pots. The settlers built their cabins along Snake Creek, that flows out of the canyons. The water from Snake Creek and the hot spring craters made the area warmer than much of the surrounding land, which helped make the sub-zero temperatures more tolerable and the beauty was unequalled.

They tilled as much of the land as possible and planted grain, and that first summer (1859) the crop was super.

In the spring of 1860 many more settlers arrived, enough for two community settlements. They became known as the upper and lower settlements.

As the word got around about the new settlements, many new settlers joined them from Provo and American Fork area. The upper settlement seemed to be the preferred spot to build a cabin.

By 1861 there were more than 50 families in the settlements. They met together as a community and religious groups on Sunday. They soon found they needed a building for such purposes. In 1862 they decided it was time to have a building for such purposes. The project started that spring. It was built of logs with a dirt roof and floor. It was completed for the July 24<sup>th</sup> celebration. It was built in Mound City.

Life was not easy for the settlers. Hard work was required just to survive. In 1866 their lives were further complicated with Indian problems. The Indians didn't like the fact that the white men were taking over their favorite hunting and trapping grounds. The settlers really felt threatened.

In 1866 they decided to abandon its settlements along Snake Creek and also the lower settlement. They felt if they came together as one settlement, there would be strength in numbers. Therefore, they met together to plan this proposed change in their lives. There were several problems to settle, what to call the new settlement brought great debate. Even though Mound City, the upper settlement, was the largest, it didn't seem appropriate to call the new settlement Mound City if they no longer lived around the large formations of stone. It seemed proper, one settler said, if they both move from their homes in the upper and lower settlements and came together at a midway location, and that they call it Midway. This was agreed on by all in attendance. Thus the name, Midway, was born.

There were still many problems to solve. The lower settlement people still didn't like the idea of moving so close to the rattle snakes. A stranger in the meeting offered to help them take care of the snake problem.

After much laughter, they asked how he could possibly help them with the snakes. It was expressed that the stranger looked like a pied piper to them. They wondered if the stranger would cast a spell on the snakes. Some wondered if he would shoot them all. The thought even



occurred that he would make them into an army to chase the Indians out of the valley.

The leader of the group finally told everyone that they had had their fun and now it was time to listen to what this man had to offer.

The stranger spoke up, this time, with his plan to make this town of Midway a better place to live in. The stranger said, "It's late September and I can't do much for you until Spring. I'll return then, to rid you of this snake problem." Of course, he was questioned about how he was going to do that. The stranger only requested that the people trust him. He told them he knew what he was doing.

The people still wanted to know what the man would charge them for his services. The fee was \$100. but only if he was successful and nothing if he failed. Immediately, the group shouted, "What have we got to lose! Let's see what this guy is made of." "OK," said the stranger. "Early next spring I'll be here ready to rid you of these trouble-making snakes. One thing you must do for me. I will need 1,000 pounds of the grain you are about to harvest. Also, the town corral for a month before I can start my project."

The thought of no snakes was intriguing. The farmers got together and decided they could spare the grain. The stranger left the meeting.

The thought of no snakes made the people really excited. The children would be able to go for walks in the hills without fear. A more normal life would be great.

Spring came early in 1863. The people were ready for that stranger to return. The skeptics laughed and made fun of those that really had faith that the stranger would come back. Of course, there were those who would chant, "If you believe he will be back you're dumber than we've given you credit to be."

The first day of Spring came and a couple of riders on horseback headed for Jesse's Mound to take a look up the canyons. Off in the distance they could see something. At first, they thought it was some of those Indian renegades that kept their lives so stirred up.

With the early morning sun in their eyes it was hard to see clearly what was coming into the valley from Daniels Canyon area. They sat astride their horses, shaded their eyes, and watched. Soon they could see that there were two covered wagons.

"Heck," said one of the men, "That's just some travelers passing through. Let's head for home and get those logs cut. You know, maybe, those skeptics are right, we've been had."

Back up at Mound City the people were really disappointed. Well, tomorrow is another day. So they decided to go to work and get the house built. Everyone seemed to be grumbling under their breath.

One courageous man started singing a hymn and soon the entire group felt relieved and went back to work knowing this problem was going to be taken care of. "We've got to do for ourselves," one man hollered. "We'll be OK just you wait and see." another commented. At that moment someone shouted, "There's those travelers you saw from Jesse's Mound. They set their tools down and went to greet the travelers. As they drew closer someone commented, "What's that smell? Phew, I wonder if anyone of them have ever had a bath.. Maybe we can help them out."

They were laughing as the wagons pulled up along side of them. The squealing that came from inside the wagons soon gave them a hint of what was in the wagons. That stinks like a pig. The noise from inside the wagons matched the smell.

The driver of the first wagon jumped down. They recognized him. The stranger had returned like he promised.



The settler said to the stranger, "Hey, you pretty smelly company."  
They both laughed and shook hands. Well, lets get these guys unloaded. The're pretty hungry.

They pulled the wagons into the corral and unloaded the pigs. The skeptics began to holler and laugh. "Do you think the snakes will run from the smell? I think you've got a winner."

"Stick around till these new guests have had supper and I'll show you a trick. Go get me one of those snakes." instructed the stranger.

Several of the kids ran for the near by Hot Pot with their sticks to pickup snakes. Back they came with two snakes, anxious to see what would happen when the snakes confronted the pigs.

The pigs jumped in fear when the snakes landed by them. The pigs walked around a minute then one of the pigs grabbed a snake, quickly the other pigs joined the feast. Then looked around for more.

The pig man said, "Now you can see how quickly these snakes can be eliminated!"

"What happens if the pigs get bitten by a snake? one of the boys inquired.

The pig man said, "If we feed them that grain, the venom from the snake will not poison them because of the fat layer which keeps the bloodstream away from the skin of the pig."

Each day the pigs were treated to more snakes. It became a ritual for the kids to feed the pigs their treat.

A month went by with the feeding of the pigs in the community corral. The smell no longer bothered the people. The corral became the gathering place for the settlers each day when their jobs were all done.

The people even sang songs to entertain them. The pigs joined in at times, but most pigs were monotone and just preferred to listen or take a nap. The day came to send the pigs up to the craters and into the canyon to feed on their own. They were as excited as kids in a candy store.

The snakes were not very happy with their visitors. They would coil up and strike when a pig would go by. The snakes would sink their fangs into the pig's hide, but it didn't seem to have any effect on the pigs.

As the days went by, the settlers were very curious about how the pigs would react when they came in contact with the snakes. But as the story goes, the pigs ignored the rattle of the tail of the snakes and did what they were there for, eating the snakes.

Well, when the settlers couldn't stand the wait for the end result of the stranger, the settlements' pied piper, they sent a small group of men up the canyon to see what was going on. To their surprise, they found pigs that looked more like octopus. For there were all those pigs walking around with snakes dragging along clinging to the pig's skin. What an unbelievable sight!

When the time came for the pigs to be herded back to the corral, the snakes had to be removed from the pigs' skin, where they had fastened themselves. The pigs were then fed grain and, of course, the snakes for dessert.

Now the settlers felt so much more at ease heading to the canyons to pick up loads of poles. It seemed a great burden had been lifted.

The stranger's job was completed ty the time mid-August came. Now the settlers carried a good size club with them when they went to the hills. This seemed to take care of their needs to protect themselves.

August ended and so did the need to take the pigs on their journey each day up to the craters and canyons. The stranger was no longer a stranger to the settlers, but their Hero.



On the first of September, a public meeting was held to say goodbye to the stranger and his partner. Their job was done and done well. He had made a difference in their lives. No longer would they worry about the snakes.

The agreed fee was given to the stranger and he then offered the settlers a real bargain. He would leave the very fat pigs with them for their winter meat supply for \$100. additional and the young off-spring from the female pigs would be ready to handle any snakes that managed to escape.

The stranger and his friend climbed aboard the wagons and bid a farewell to the settlers.

Now, no one knows for sure just how factual this story is. It was told to me by my father many times over the years and the problem has been under control for all these years.



## Translation of Newspaper Article

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Lead-in paragraph on title page:

### **The Rediscovery of the Old Homeland**

Directly next to the Wasatch Range, which separates Salt Lake City and the Heber Valley, lies Midway. In the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century many Swiss immigrants settled here. Flags with white crosses on a red background, scenic mountains, and folklore all serve as reminders of roots from the "Old World."

A visit of the NZZ reporting team.

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The amiable elderly lady's entire face radiates. "Oh no!", she says. She isn't at all Swiss. Rather she is of English heritage. She says she has hung the Swiss flag on her door out of solidarity. "Look at the house," she says, "Everyone thinks that it's a Swiss house because it's so old. However, it's a typical English style." A small plaque next to the door explains that this house was built for William Bonner in 1878. Here one can grasp a thread from which the story of the British founding fathers of Midway is woven. However, that is not the story we were searching for. "I'll give Al a call," says the lady. When his number gives a busy signal she slips into a coat and waves, "If Al is home he will be happy to have a visit."

Al's full name is Alvah Kohler and doesn't know if at some point along the way his name lost two dots above the o in his name (ö). He finds the fact that there are two different names, Kohler and Köhler, very interesting and will check through his family's books to find the truth behind this newly surfaced mystery. Al says that the story of one's ancestors give a person something to hold on to. It is the foundation on which each person builds his existence. It is for this reason he fosters remembrance of the Swiss roots as much as he can. If anyone has a question about the early years of Midway they go to Alvah Kohler. The people say Al knows everything. The old man has a special place among the citizens of Midway. He carries on him a key to Town Center as well as a key to the entrance gate of Memorial Hill. In answer to the question if he is the mayor his wife Monica shrugs her shoulders and says, "He can't. We live 100 yards outside of the city limit."

### **A Place on the Way to Soldier Hollow**

About a stone's throw away from the Kohlers' house, the buses rumble by taking spectators and the media to Soldier Hollow: the site for the Olympic cross-country skiing



competition. In the whole area the school buses were used as *Shuttles*. The school children were given two weeks of vacation from school, which they would have to make up in June. Midway welcomed the Olympians with a lane of flags and banners with encouraging words – as in each area lying close to an Olympic event. The remarkable thing here is the noticeably large number of Swiss flags. Also, driving by the restaurant “Yodl!” one notices it is built in what Americans envision as the idyllic architectural style of the Alps.

Why is this so? Gemach. Al goes way back in telling the story. The community was founded out of two former settlements on the banks of Snake Creek. One was up on the hill, where people and rattlesnakes lived in constant conflict. The other was lower in the valley, where the Indians fought to prevent the settlers from clearing their hunting lands for farming. Both settlements grew quickly as evermore people came there from the Old World in order to practice their new found faith in peace. Many of them were Swiss Mormons with names such as Bürgi, Kummer, Gertsch or Abegglen. And Kohler – or was it Köhler? As the Indians became more of a threat to the settlers, their church leaders counseled them to combine the settlements together. Since neither wanted to move to the other settlement, eventually a compromise was struck. They met at approximately halfway, *Midway*, and built a fort with 75 dwellings for everyone’s protection. It was named *Fort Midway*. That was in 1866.

### **The Snake-catchers of Midway**

Al recounted everything as if he had been there himself. His words grind out what was handed down. It’s not always clear where the truth ends and myth begins. An example of this is the tale of the Snake-catchers of Midway. The settlers quickly made peace with the Indians, says Al. They always left jams and bread out for them, and at some point they taught the Indians how to cultivate potatoes and grain. The only things that still resisted taming were the snakes. One day a stranger rode into the fort and apparently promised to rid the citizens of the vipers once and for all for \$200. At first the people laughed at him, but eventually agreed to hire him for the job. That was in Fall, and the man was not seen again until the following spring. He had a wagon full of fat pigs with him. He let these pigs loose in the areas where the snakes lived. Because their fat layer was so thick the venomous fangs of the snakes had no affect on them. And so it was that the pigs gobbled up almost every creeping thing in a short time. “By the way,” says Al, “have you ever tried snake meat? Too bad.” But that’s another story. Just to conclude, the stranger left the pigs in Midway for an additional \$100 and rode away.

And the Swiss? They lived happily in their new homeland in the mountains, which reminded them of the land they had left behind forever. Here in there new home they carried on in the dairy business. They processed the milk into cheese, which they carted the 80 kilometers down to Salt Lake City. Al’s grandfather came up with the idea to deliver fresh milk to the city (SLC). People considered him crazy for the idea: the precious milk would go sour long before it reached Salt Lake. However the man not only had ideas, he also knew how to make them work in reality. The old Kohler invented a double layered canister in which liquids could be cooled with ice. Thanks to him the agricultural business in the area began to prosper even more.



## The Harvest Festival and Swiss Days

The first Harvest Festival in Midway was held in 1947 to celebrate the end of the harvest time. When Al Kohler tells of this he is digging in his own memories now. It was a wonderful celebration, and most of the Swiss wore the traditional clothing of their forbearers to celebrate the day and to get all dressed up. The others in the community pointed their fingers and laughed, but the pride with which the farmers wore their traditional costumes impressed everyone. In 1953 the Harvest Festival became *Swiss Days* with a folklore market and a big parade. Today they put on by far the largest production in the region, with 90,000 visitors coming in the course of two days. The people from Midway laughed at the forecasts of transportation system breakdown and throngs of pedestrian traffic, which inevitably accompany the Olympic Games. Those who organize Swiss Days every year need not fear the Games, say the old-timers in the town. Currently most of them are active as volunteers and are enjoying the feeling of being so close to the center of the world's attention for a few days. The traffic is flowing peacefully by, and the few people who actually stop in Midway bring a few happy splashes of color to the daily routine.

Al Kohler's wife Monica hurried to the phone, as Al has touched on a new thread in his storytelling. She is supposed to round up the *Swiss Miss* and her *Attendants*. They should definitely meet the guests (the reporter and his team). Since 1953 a girl is chosen annually to make appearances at special events in the traditional Swiss costume. He has barely explained this when his wife comes back in the room and reports that the five girls would be standing in front of *Town Hall* at 12:30. Al nods satisfied and stands up. Enough time is left to show these Swiss guests a few important things in the area. He stops first at *Bürgi Lane* and points to a stone hut, which is leaning crookedly against a tree. That is one of the first settler houses says the old man. Here lived the Bürgi couple with their six children – in a room no more than 25 square meters large.

Up higher on the hill, where earlier the old village stood, are numerous newly built homes which attest to the real estate price boom, that the Games brought with them. Swank signs stand outside of developments like "Interlaken Estates", "Zermatt Resort", and "Swiss Oaks". The building style of these houses is a bit overly quaint, which one also sees these days all over in the Alps. It's become in style in the recent years to make things somewhat *swissy*, says Al. The more he recounts and points out, the clearer it becomes that in the search for roots many things have been clumped or mixed up together. For example at "Yodl" Wiener Schnitzel is offered as a Swiss specialty, and Monica tells proudly how she once put all her boys in lederhosen. The Kohlers would be amazed if their greater wish were to be fulfilled, and they were to see Switzerland in actuality.

Al curves over to the hot springs he played in as a child. They are large holes in limestone craters. He tells longingly of treading weightless in the warm water with the star-speckled heavens up above. But then he suddenly remembers the story of the young man who, out of the pains of a broken heart, bought a six-pack of beer and got drunk sitting in the water. In a drunken state he sunk to the bottom and remained there. Al added that the man was a *Jack Mormon* – one who doesn't abide by the rules that apply to drinking alcohol for example. We then continued on to the biggest crater, which Simon Schneitter converted to a Thermal bath as early as 1885. Today *Homestead* is a tourist



attraction, and during the Games it serves as a residence for many Norwegians – also the Swiss that Al Kohler led here. He mentioned quickly that as a young man he got in lots of trouble for driving his father's Jeep all the way up to the rim of the crater. He laughs about it still today. Just as he does about Koni Gertsch, who complained every year, when the village boys would steal his Cow's Treicheln.

### **The Swiss Miss honors us with her presence**

Time is running short, and Al Kohler gets behind the wheel again. At precisely 12:30 the bells play at Town Hall and a cluster of Marionettes dance to the melody of an old yodel-song. The Swiss Miss also arrives with her attendants punctually at this time. What follows is amazement from both parties. "It is a wonderful experience for the girls that they get to wear their traditional Swiss costumes in front of real Swiss natives, say their mothers. Everyone was led into Town Hall, where the girls danced in front of a backdrop of beautiful scenery, which would suit any evening in the Swiss homeland. "Heidi" is performed here every year as a puppet show. There is good reason for this, for Johanna Spyris's great grand daughter became a citizen of Midway in the 1980's.

The singing and laughing and whole ambiance are wonderful. The story of the Swiss in Midway takes on ever more dimensions. None of the girls can trace their roots back to Switzerland, but Swiss Days have given the people in the town somewhat of a different identity. "We all feel a little bit Swiss," says one of the mothers. It gives them the feeling of being part of a longer history – something important to those who began from nothing only 150 years ago.

Now it suddenly becomes understandable why today even the Jones, Evans, McFee's, and Christensen's send their children to take part in the Swiss Miss nomination, and why they are so ready to get involved in Swiss Days by making sauerkraut or baking Swiss specialties. However, it takes a bit of time to figure out exactly what is being called what. *Bratzlis* are Brätzeli, paper-thin waffles and *Sulfa* – after much debate – are translated to the Bern-German word Züpfle. Every year 15,000 of these are baked, but regardless of how many the make their stocks are depleted after the first day of Swiss Days. Not much can be done about it. The thousand arms of the women of Midway can't kneed any more dough.

The girls make their way into the conversation again and proudly speak the only German words they know, "willkommen" and "auf Wiedersehen." They are surprised to find out that this isn't actually the real language of the Swiss. They then excitedly practice a real Swiss word: "grutsi." With eyes wide open they ask for signatures on a Swiss flag they brought as a farewell gesture from the Swiss guests. It is apparent that it has been a deeply meaningful experience for them to have gotten to know two real Swiss people.

Al still wants to make a quick stop at Memorial Hill, where many years ago the chief of the Ute-Indians was buried along with his horse. Today it is a place to remember the veterans of all wars. "You know what?" he says, "If black people in our country call themselves African-Americans, then we are Swiss-Americans, and we are proud of it." He says this and then it suddenly occurs to him that a few notorious gun-slingers came to Midway, because they believed that they would be safe from the arm of the law. Billy the Kid comes to his mind. But that's another story.



en, das sie für immer verlassen  
den Milchwirtschaft. Die Milch  
u Käse, den sie die 80 Kilo-  
ake City hinunterkarrten. Der  
kam auf die Idee, frische Milch  
zu liefern, und wurde prompt  
t. Das kostbare Gut sei sauer,  
Salt Lake ankomme. Doch der  
nur Ideen, er wusste auch, wie  
onnte. Der alte Kohler erfand  
e Zisterne, in der Flüssigkeiten  
erden konnten. Dank ihm be-  
rischaft in der Gegend noch  
ren.

## stival und die Swiss Days

Midway erstmals ein *Harvest*  
führt, um den Abschluss der  
i. Wenn Al Kohler davon er-  
len eigenen Erinnerungen. Ein  
ei es gewesen, und die meisten  
ar Feier des Tages die Trachten  
rgeholt, um sich herauszuput-  
hätten mit Fingern auf sie ge-  
agt Al, aber der Stolz, mit dem  
raditionellen Kostüme trugen,  
kt. 1953 wurden aus dem *Har-*  
*wiss Days* mit einem Folklore-  
grossen Umzug. Heute bilden  
ie grösste Veranstaltung in der  
zwei Tagen bis zu 90 000 Besu-  
Leute aus Midway haben ge-  
die Visionen von Verkehrs-  
nd Menschaufläufen herauf-  
unweigerlich mit Olympischen

zurück und berichtet, die fünf stunden um halb  
eins vor der *Town Hall*. Al nickt zufrieden und  
steht auf. Es bleibt genügend Zeit, den Schwe-  
zern einige wichtige Dinge in der Gegend zu zei-  
gen. An der *Bürgi Lane* hält er erstmals an und  
weist auf eine Steinhütte, die sich windschief an  
einen Baum lehnt. Das sei eines der ersten Sied-  
lerhäuser, sagt der alte Mann. Hier lebte das Ehe-  
paar Bürgi mit seinen sechs Kindern – in einem  
Raum von vielleicht 25 Quadratmetern.

Weiter geht es in die Hügel, wo früher der  
obere Weiler stand. Zahlreiche Neubauten zeugen  
hier von der Hausse der Immobilienpreise, die die  
Spiele mit sich gebracht haben. Protzige Schilder  
verweisen auf die «Interlaken Estates», das «Zer-  
matt Resort» oder auf «Swiss Oaks», der Baustil  
der Häuser ist ein Ethno-Kitsch, wie er heute  
auch in den Alpen allgegenwärtig ist. Es sei in  
den letzten Jahren Mode geworden, die Dinge  
etwas *swizzy* zu machen, sagt Al. Je mehr er er-  
zählt und zeigt, desto deutlicher wird, dass sich  
hier auf der Suche nach den Wurzeln vieles ver-  
mengt hat. So wird im «Yodl» Wiener Schnitzel  
als Schweizer Spezialität angeboten, und Monica  
erzählt stolz, dass sie einst alle ihre Buben in  
Lederhosen gesteckt habe. Die Kohlers würden  
staunen, wenn sich ihr grosser Wunsch doch noch  
erfüllen würde und sie die Schweiz in natura zu  
sehen bekämen.

Al kurvt zu den heissen Quellen, in denen er als  
Kind spielte. Das sind riesige Löcher in Kalk-  
steinkratern. Er erzählt träumerisch vom schwere-  
losen Treiben im warmen Wasser, das sternen-  
übersäte Himmelszelt über sich. Aber dann fällt  
ihm auch die Geschichte

von dem jungen Mann  
ein, der im Liebeskum-  
mer ein *Six-Pack* Bier  
gekauft und sich im  
Wasser betrunken  
habe. Er sei im Rausch  
auf den Grund gesun-  
ken und dort geblie-  
ben, sagt er. Und er  
fügt an, dass der Mann  
ein *Jack Mormon* ge-  
wesen sei, einer, der  
sich nicht an die Re-  
geln gehalten habe, die  
zum Beispiel den Alko-  
holkonsum untersagen.  
Weiter geht es zum  
grössten Krater, den  
Simon Schneitter schon  
1885 zum ersten Ther-  
malbad umfunktionier-  
te. Heute ist *Home-*  
*stead* eine Touristen-  
attraktion, und wäh-  
rend der Spiele dient es  
zahlreichen Nordi-  
schen als Unterkunft –  
auch den Schweizern,  
die Al Kohler hierher  
geführt hat. Er erzählt  
nebenbei noch schnell,  
dass er als junger Bur-  
sche mit dem Jeep sei-  
nes Vaters bis zum  
Kraterrand hochgefahr-  
en und dafür arg ge-  
scholten worden sei.  
Darüber lacht er heute  
noch, genauso wie über

den Koni Gertsch, der jedes Jahr schimpfte, wenn  
die Dorfjugend zu *Halloween* die Treicheln seiner  
Kühe entwendete.

## Die Swiss Miss gibt sich die Ehre

Die Zeit drängt, und Al Kohler setzt sich wie-  
der hinters Steuer. Pünktlich um halb eins ertönt  
an der *Town Hall* das Glockenspiel, und es tanzt  
eine Schar Marionetten zum Klang eines alten  
Jodelliedes. Pünktlich trifft auch die Swiss Miss  
mit ihrem Gefolge ein, und es beginnt ein gegen-  
seitiges Bestaunen. Dass die Mädchen ihre Trach-  
ten echten Schweizern vorführen dürfen, sei ein  
wunderbares Erlebnis, sagen die Mütter. Alle  
werden in den Gemeindesaal geführt, wo die  
Mädchen vor einer romantischen Kulisse tanzen,  
die jedem Schweizer Heimatabend gut anstünde.  
Hier wird jedes Jahr «Heidi» als Puppenspiel in-  
szeniert, und das hat nun einen guten Grund,  
denn Johanna Spyris Urenkelin wurde in den  
achtziger Jahren des 20. Jahrhunderts Bürgerin  
von Midway.

Es ist ein Strahlen und Lachen und Singen,  
dass es eine Freude ist, und die Geschichte der  
Schweizer in Midway nimmt immer mehr Kontu-  
ren an. Keines der Mädchen hat seine Wurzeln in  
den Alpen, aber die Swiss Days haben den Men-  
schen in dem Dorf so etwas wie eine neue Identität  
gegeben. «Wir fühlen uns alle ein wenig als  
Schweizer», sagt eine der Mütter. Das gebe ihnen  
das Gefühl, Teil einer Geschichte zu sein, und das  
sei wichtig, wenn man vor erst 150 Jahren bei null  
angefangen habe.

So wird mit einem Mal verständlich, dass heute  
auch die Jones, Evans, McFee und Christensen  
ihre Kinder an der Wahl zur Swiss Miss teilneh-  
men lassen und Hand anlegen, wenn es darum  
geht, für die Swiss Days Sauerkraut zu stampfen  
oder Schweizer Spezialitäten zu backen. Bis iden-  
tifiziert ist, worum es sich handelt, dauert es aller-  
dings eine Weile. *Bratzlis* sind Brätzeli, hauch-  
dünne Waffeln, und *Sulfa* wird nach langem Hin  
und Her mit dem berndeutschen Wort Züpfle  
übersetzt. 15 000 Stück davon würden jährlich ge-  
backen, und doch sei der Vorrat jeweils schon am  
ersten der beiden Swiss Days aufgebraucht. Aber  
mehr Teig können die tausend Arme der Frauen  
in Midway nicht kneten.

Die Mädchen haben sich wieder in den Kreis  
der Erwachsenen gedrängt und sprechen stolz die  
einzigen deutschen Worte aus, die sie kennen:  
«willkommen» und «auf Wiedersehen», und sie  
sind erstaunt, zu hören, dass dies nicht wirklich  
die Sprache der Schweizer ist. Also üben sie fröh-  
lich «grutsi» und bitten zum Abschied mit gros-  
sen Augen um eine Unterschrift auf der mitge-  
brachten Schweizer Fahne. Zwei echte Schweizer  
kennen gelernt zu haben, ist für sie sichtbar ein  
tiefes Erlebnis.

Al will noch schnell auf den Memorial Hill, wo  
in der Gründerzeit von Midway der Häuptling  
der Ute-Indianer samt seinem Pferd begraben  
wurde und heute der Veteranen aller Kriege ge-  
dacht wird. «*You know what?*», fragt er. «Wenn  
sich die Schwarzen in unserem Land *African*  
*Americans* nennen, dann sind wir *Swiss Ameri-*  
*cans*. Und wir sind stolz darauf.» Sagt das, und  
dann fällt ihm noch ein, dass früher einige be-  
rühmte Revolverhelden nach Midway zogen,  
weil sie glaubten, sie seien hier sicher vor dem  
Arm des Gesetzes. Billy the Kid fällt ihm ein.  
Aber das ist wieder eine andere Geschichte.



Alvah Kohler pflegt das Andenken an die Schwei-  
zer Wurzeln, so gut er kann.

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Den US-Frauen ist der Start mit dem Kurzprogramm nach Mass gelungen. Die Favoritin Michelle Kwan wurde vom Preisgericht hoch eingestuft. Und die beiden «Küken» Sarah Hughes und Sasha Cohen schoben sich noch vor die Europameisterin Maria Butyrskaja. 51

## REPORTAGE



### Die Neuerfindung der alten Heimat

Ennet der Wasatch Range, die Salt Lake City und das Heber Valley trennt, liegt Midway. Mitte 19. Jahrhundert wanderten viele Schweizer hierhin aus. Fahnen mit weissem Kreuz auf rotem Grund, Alpenromantik und Folklore erinnern an die Wurzeln aus der Alten Welt. Ein Besuch des NZZ-Reporterteams. (Bild Bally) 53

## EISHOCKEY

### Pleite des Tre-Kronor-Teams

Die Viertelfinals haben mit einer grossen Überraschung geendet. Die hoch favorisierten Schweden mussten nach ausgeglichenerem Spiel den Weissrussen in der 58. Minute den «haltbaren» 4:3-Siegtreffer zugestehen. 54

## BIATHLON

### Vierter Streich Björndalens

Ole Einar Björndal heisst der Mann der Winterspiele. Er gewann auch den vierten und letzten Biathlon-Wettbewerb als Schlussläufer der norwegischen Staffel und folgt mit vier Olympiasiegen gleich hinter dem Amerikaner Eric Heiden (5 Titel 1980 in Lake Placid) als bisher erfolgreichstem Wintersportler beim gleichen Anlass. 54

## ÜBRIGER SPORT

### Reif für GC

Rund 25 Jahre trug Marcel Koller den GC-Dress. Nun ist er, als 41-Jähriger, auf den Hardturm zurückgekehrt und steht dort unter Druck. GC will den Titel verteidigen und den Cup gewinnen – mit Koller, der im Gespräch ankündigt, dass er seinen eingeschlagenen Weg auch im neuen Umfeld konsequent weiterverfolgt. 55

### Zahlen und Fakten

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## WETTER/VERMISCHTES

### Flammeninferno in Zug in Ägypten

Ein Brand in einem Zug in Ägypten hat mindestens 272

ins Olympiaprogramm aufgenommen wurde, war durch den hauchdünnen Schneeteppich irritiert: «Ich startete im ersten Lauf schlecht und verlor unterwegs weitere Zeit. Vielleicht war ich noch nicht richtig wach. Ich musste dann im zweiten Lauf eine völlig neue Linie suchen.» Noch mehr ärgerte sich Maya Pedersen-Bieri, die Schweizerin, die im zweiten Durchgang mit 52,63 s Bestzeit fuhr, aber nur Platz 5 belegte, weil sie gleichfalls im ersten Lauf gepatzt hatte: «Zwischen Kurve 11 und 12 beging ich einen klaren Steuerfehler. Ich bin sehr enttäuscht, aber es ist alles meine Schuld.»

Ein neuer Trendsport scheint geboren, der hautnahe Tempokitzel, dem Nino Bibbia lebenslanglich verfallen war. Bibbia spielte auch Eishockey in der Nationalliga A, flog über die Sprungschanze und steuerte Bob-Schlitten. Bibbia war so neugierig auf Stähli, dass er ihm, fast 90-jährig, noch den Schlitten durchs Dorf schleppte. Stähli trägt als Amateur ein Budget von jährlich 90 000 Franken. Sie sind Freunde im Rausch ihres Geschwindigkeits-Fetischismus. «Ein Bus, der mit 100 Meilen (160 km/h) durch den Stadtverkehr rauscht, das ist Bobsleigh. Ein Motorrad mit 100 Meilen im Stadtverkehr, das ist Skeleton.» So umschreibt Jim Shea, 33-jährig, die Erfahrung der Geschwindigkeit im Eiskanal. Als «sensiblen Tanz auf dem Schlitten» beschreibt Stähli das «faszinierende Körperfeeling» auf der Jagd durch die 15 Kurven, knapp 1,5 km, «mit dem Gesicht fast auf dem Eis, das Tempo fährt direkt ins Hirn. Am Start läufst du voll aggressiv, explosiv los.» (Stähli sprintete die 100 m 1995 im Final der Schweizer Meisterschaften in 10,80.) «Was du am Start verlierst, kannst du nie mehr aufholen.» Das ist auch die Erklärung seines Rennens: Stähli legte mit 4,73 s im zweiten Lauf die beste Anlaufzeit hin. «Im Moment, da man auf dem Schlitten liegt, völlig ruhig bleiben, nicht ungeduldig werden.» Im Ziel hatte er Bestzeit, 50,99 s, wie Retzl.

Aber der Sieger hatte im ersten Lauf trotz einem bleiernen Start (4,90 s) genügend Reserve herausgefahren. Unter seinem Helm trug Jim Shea Jr. die zusammengefaltete Todesanzeige seines Grossvaters Jack Shea, der Anfang Januar bei einem Autounfall ums Leben kam. Er war 92 Jahre alt, und er wäre gerne nach Salt Lake City geflogen. Die Sheas sind im Sport das, was die Kennedys in Politik und Gesellschaft sind: eine amerikanische Dynastie mit irischen Wurzeln, drei Generationen Wintersport. Der Opa hatte 1932 in Lake Placid, wo die Familie lebt, den olympischen Eid gesprochen und Eisschnelllauf-Gold gewonnen. Der Rotschopf Jim Shea Jr. trug gemeinsam mit dem ergrauten Daddy Jim Shea Sr., 1964 in Innsbruck Langläufer und Kombinierer, die brennende Fackel ins Stadion und verkündete die Athletenformel, wie einst der Patriarch.

Jim Junior versuchte sich zuerst als Hockeyspieler, aber er hatte einfach nicht die Grösse und die Muskelmasse für diesen Sport. Der Eiskanal in Lake Placid lag sozusagen vor seiner Haustüre. Nur rutschten die Amerikaner damals, als die Equipe 1997 von ihrem Coach wegen ungenügender Resultate im Weltcup nach Hause geschickt wurde, nur «for fun» die Bahnen runter. Jim Shea rief seinen Vater an und bat ihn, seinen Jeep zu verkaufen und das Geld, kaum 1700 Dollar, nach Innsbruck zu überweisen. Er trampelte im Zuge durch Europa und lernte Fahrpläne lesen («dreimal landete ich im falschen Altenberg»), ernährte sich von Würstchen und schlief manchmal in Ställen. Er schaute den Europäern Tricks ab und zog als armer Verwandter mit den Briten von Bahn zu Bahn. Als er 1990 den Weltcup





# Die Neuerfindung der alten Heimat

## Kohlers Geschichten über das Städtchen Midway

Eine Reportage von Remo Geisser (Text) und Gaëtan Bally (Bilder)



Die Swiss Miss von Midway (Bildmitte) und ihr Gefolge auf der Bühne der Town Hall – Schnellbleiche in Schweizer Folklore.

innerten, das sie für immer verlassen betrieben Milchwirtschaft. Die Milch, die sie zu Käse, den sie die 80 Kilometer von Salt Lake City hinunterkarren. Der alte Al kam auf die Idee, frische Milch in die Stadt zu liefern, und wurde prompt abgelehnt. Das kostbare Gut sei sauer, es in Salt Lake ankomme. Doch der alte Al hatte nicht nur Ideen, er wusste auch, wie man sie verwirklichen konnte. Der alte Kohler erfand eine Zisterne, in der Flüssigkeiten abgefüllt werden konnten. Dank ihm blüht die Landwirtschaft in der Gegend noch heute.

### Das Fest und die Swiss Days

Im Jahr 1900 wurde in Midway erstmals ein *Harvest Festival* durchgeführt, um den Abschluss der Ernte zu feiern. Wenn Al Kohler davon erzählt, ist er in den eigenen Erinnerungen. Ein Fest sei es gewesen, und die meisten Menschen hätten zur Feier des Tages die Trachten hervorgeholt, um sich herauszuputten. Aber Al hat den Stolz, mit dem

zurück und berichtet, die fünf Stunden um halb eins vor der *Town Hall*. Al nickt zufrieden und steht auf. Es bleibt genügend Zeit, den Schweizern einige wichtige Dinge in der Gegend zu zeigen. An der *Bürge Lane* hält er erstmals an und weist auf eine Steinhütte, die sich windschief an einen Baum lehnt. Das sei eines der ersten Siedlerhäuser, sagt der alte Mann. Hier lebte das Ehepaar Bürgi mit seinen sechs Kindern – in einem Raum von vielleicht 25 Quadratmetern.

Weiter geht es in die Hügel, wo früher der obere Weiler stand. Zahlreiche Neubauten zeugen hier von der Hausse der Immobilienpreise, die die Spiele mit sich gebracht haben. Protzige Schilder verweisen auf die «Interlaken Estates», das «Zermatt Resort» oder auf «Swiss Oaks», der Baustil der Häuser ist ein Ethno-Kitsch, wie er heute auch in den Alpen allgegenwärtig ist. Es sei in den letzten Jahren Mode geworden, die Dinge etwas *swissy* zu machen, sagt Al. Je mehr er erzählt und zeigt, desto deutlicher wird, dass sich hier auf der Suche nach den Wurzeln vieles vermischt hat. So wird im «Yodl» Wiener Schnitzel als Schweizer Spezialität angeboten, und Monica erzählt stolz, dass sie einst alle ihre Buben in

den Koni Gertsch, der jedes Jahr schimpfte, wenn die Dorfjugend zu Halloween die Treibhörnchen seiner Kühe entwendete.

### Die Swiss Miss gibt sich die Ehre

Die Zeit drängt, und Al Kohler setzt sich wieder hinter den Steuer. Pünktlich um halb eins ertönt an der *Town Hall* das Glockenspiel, und es tanzt eine Schar Marionetten zum Klang eines alten Jodelliedes. Pünktlich trifft auch die Swiss Miss mit ihrem Gefolge ein, und es beginnt ein gegenseitiges Bestaunen. Dass die Mädchen ihre Trachten echten Schweizern vorführen dürfen, sei ein wunderbares Erlebnis, sagen die Mütter. Alle werden in den Gemeindesaal geführt, wo die Mädchen vor einer romantischen Kulisse tanzen, die jedem Schweizer Heimatabend gut anstünde. Hier wird jedes Jahr «Heidi» als Puppenspiel inszeniert, und das hat nun einen guten Grund, denn Johanna Spyris Urenkelin wurde in den achtziger Jahren des 20. Jahrhunderts Bürgerin von Midway.

Es ist ein Strahlen und Lachen und Singen, dass es eine Freude ist, und die Geschichte der Schweizer in Midway nimmt immer mehr Kontinuität an.



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Bill/Nancy Pekny

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Gary/ Marjean Garowski

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Gary/Marjean Garowski

### **Swiss Day's Booster Booth -**

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Bryce/Lynette Rasmussen  
Dotti Boardman  
Reed Clark

### **Swiss Day's Parade -**

Kelson's (not on Boosters)  
Gary/Carol Bonner

### **Swiss Christmas -**

Dick/Brenda Hines - chair  
Randy/Helen Hall  
Bill/Nancy Pekny

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Joan Rasband

### **Historian -**

Nola Gertsch

### **Swiss Chorus -**

Bob/Sharlene Johnson

### **Swiss Bell Ringers -**

Lyn Rasmussen

### **Children's Swiss Chorus/ William Tell/Heidi Puppet -**

Lynette Rasmussen - chair  
Marjean Garowski  
Dotti Boardman



**Nominating Committee for 2006 members (November) -**

Gary Bonner- chair  
Randy Hall  
Joan Rasband  
Lyle Gertsch

**Town Hall Clean-up and Chair/Table ID**

Slone/Veralynn Porters  
Reed Clark

**Midway Booster Web site -**

Bill Kissell

**Volunteer Recruitment -**

Gary/Carol Bonner - chair  
Gary Garowski

**Merchandising -**

Gayle Wilson - chair  
Aldon/Donna Cook

**Publicity and Marketing -**

Slone/Veralynn Porter - chair  
Bill Kissell

**Christmas Party -**

Aldon/Donna Cook - chair  
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Garth Rasband - treasurer

Dick Hines - vice president

Joan Rasband - President



Midway Boosters  
Balance Sheet  
December 31, 2005

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Zions First National Bank	\$ 3,175.61	
Zions Bank--Midway Heritage	13,300.92	
Zions Bank--Money Market	106,785.97	
Total Current Assets		123,262.50
Property and Equipment		
Total Property and Equipment		0.00
Other Assets		
Total Other Assets		0.00
Total Assets	\$	<u>123,262.50</u>

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities		
Total Current Liabilities		0.00
Long-Term Liabilities		
Total Long-Term Liabilities		0.00
Total Liabilities		0.00
Capital		
Beginning Balance Equity	\$ (48,802.82)	
Retained Earnings	77,504.86	
Net Income	94,560.46	
Total Capital		123,262.50
Total Liabilities & Capital	\$	<u>123,262.50</u>



Midway Boosters  
Income Statement  
For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2005

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
<b>Revenues</b>				
Swiss Days Contribution	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 131,000.00	\$ 68,000.00
Wasatch County 4th July	2,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	2,000.00
Midway City	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
Swiss Christmas--Booth Fees	75.00	0.00	1,385.00	1,500.00
Swiss Chirstmas	3,302.91	0.00	4,036.91	4,500.00
Cook Book Income	0.00	0.00	89.00	0.00
Rent Social Hall	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
Bell Ringers	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
Interest Received	93.23	0.00	1,225.14	0.00
1-Midway City--Flags	0.00	0.00	1,027.00	1,027.00
2-Merchandise Sold	365.00	0.00	1,345.50	5,000.00
Credit Cards Processed	0.00	0.00	5,808.00	0.00
3-Midway City-Town Hall Salary	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Swiss Days-Swiss Miss	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Swiss Days--Insurance Reimbur	0.00	0.00	5,660.36	0.00
Katrina Disaster	0.00	0.00	148.00	0.00
Walbridge Fund LTD	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>90,636.14</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>185,024.91</b>	<b>90,027.00</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>				
2-Merchandise Purchased	558.00	0.00	10,170.36	5,000.00
Swiss Christmas Merchandise	145.74	0.00	2,102.32	0.00
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>703.74</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12,272.68</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>89,932.40</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>172,752.23</b>	<b>85,027.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Swiss Days Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Prepare Tax Return	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Booster Supplies	1,881.56	0.00	7,456.93	5,000.00
Historian Supplies	0.00	0.00	50.69	0.00
Lecture Series	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Honored Citizen	125.00	0.00	316.92	450.00
Photo Galary	0.00	0.00	141.62	0.00
Bell Ringers Expenses	116.95	0.00	1,158.26	3,000.00
1-Midway City Flags	0.00	0.00	4,199.00	1,000.00
Donations & Scholarships	150.00	0.00	3,729.00	2,500.00
Town Hall Sound System	0.00	0.00	519.10	1,300.00
Utilities--Social Hall	199.88	0.00	2,917.33	4,000.00
Childrens Chorus-William Tell	30.18	0.00	1,167.23	1,500.00
Repairs & Maint-Social Hall	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
Insurance	0.00	0.00	9,445.62	3,500.00
Sales Tax Expense	186.96	0.00	550.39	0.00
Credit Card Processing Charges	31.63	0.00	630.57	750.00
Publicity & Marketing-News Let	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Utilities Legacy Bridge	6.50	0.00	538.33	0.00
Midway Heritage Park Bridge	6,699.08	0.00	16,699.08	10,000.00
Town Hall Maintenance	0.00	0.00	(2,814.00)	0.00
3-Town Hall Maintenance-Salary	1,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Swiss Christmas	1,721.75	0.00	2,125.76	4,000.00
Creche Expenses	431.35	0.00	431.35	1,000.00
Swiss Days Parade	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Swiss Days	0.00	0.00	163.00	0.00
Swiss Miss	227.11	0.00	3,483.74	2,500.00

For Management Purposes Only



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	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Swiss Days Float	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Main Street & Round-About	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Swiss Chorus	718.02	0.00	2,568.20	2,500.00
Town Hall--Improvements	0.00	0.00	9,703.65	9,000.00
4th of July	0.00	0.00	(1,490.00)	1,500.00
4th of July--Fireworks	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Total Expenses	13,525.97	0.00	78,191.77	84,000.00
Net Income	\$ 76,406.43	\$ 0.00	\$ 94,560.46	\$ 1,027.00



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# Annual Meeting 2005







ANNUAL MIDWAY BOOSTER'S MEETING  
(open to the public)





Eagle Project Kevin Siggard - burning old flags  
new flags were purchased by Midway Boosters and Midway City









Swiss Miss

Pageant

2005









*Swiss Miss Pageant Committee*

*Mindy Sims*

*Lisa Gordon*

*Brittany Cozens*

*Nancee Heckel*

## Hilma Bellessa

*Director*

### Judges Chair

### Production Chair

### Hospitality Chair

## Booster Reprehensive

## Special Thanks

## Midway City Boosters

*Derek Furch*

*Joan Rasband*

## Wasatch Wave

## Mountain High Grill

## Blue Boar Inn

### Main Street Station

## Mothers of the 2004 Royalty

## Midway City

*Gay Motley*

*Daniel Palmer*

## Our Judges

Robert Barham

*Shelly farmer*

*Chelsea Stevens*

James Stevens

# Midway Swiss Miss 2005



Princess Pageant  
Saturday April 2



## Program

<i>Swiss Miss</i>	<i>Regan Zite</i>
<i>1st Attendant</i>	<i>Hannah Kelson</i>

1. Karelee Pace daughter of Curt and Rhonda Pace
2. Tristin Lowe daughter of Richard and Julia Lowe
3. Abby Snow daughter of Kevin and Tara Snow
- Kati Murphy daughter of George and Brinli Murphy
5. Clarissa Keller daughter of Jon and Judy Keller
6. Julia Snow daughter of Kevin and Tara Snow
7. Kayla Hoover daughter of Jean and Kim Hoover
- Shelby Blackburn daughter of Steve and Liesl Blackburn
9. Lidsay Mason daughter of Scott and Terry Mason
0. Lily Wetterlin daughter of Jeff and Tracy Wetterlin
11. Montana Law daughter of Varlin and Carla Law





Lindsay Mason



Julia Snow



Shelby Blackburn



Tristin Lowe



Lily Wetterlin



Karlee Pace



Kati Murphy



Abby Snow



Clarissa Keller



Kayla Hoover

## Swiss Miss Pageant to Be Held Saturday, April 2

MIDWAY- Five young girls had been hoping this day would never come, but it has arrived this year as it has every year. Regan Zite, Hanna Kelson, Abby Hobbs, Rachel Kohler and Kim Kohler must give up the title of the Swiss Miss Royalty and pass it on to another group of young ladies.

The Swiss Miss Pageant has arrived and it will be held April 2, at 4:00 p.m., in the Midway Town Hall.

The theme this year is "Princess", because what girl, 10-13 years of age, doesn't want to be a princess (honestly, what grown women doesn't wish she was a princess)?

As the contestants have explored the theme, they have been taught that although only one girl will be Swiss Miss, they all may be Princess's by the way they act and treat others.

Part of being a Princess is being able to talk to others and present ideas to them (the

interview portion of the competition - someday this may even help them get a job).

A princess must always stand up straight and smile (the modeling portion).

A princess also must work hard to perfect her talents (the talent competition - it builds confidence and character).

A princess also must be able to remain calm in high-pressure situations (the on stage question - maybe we have a future president in the group?).

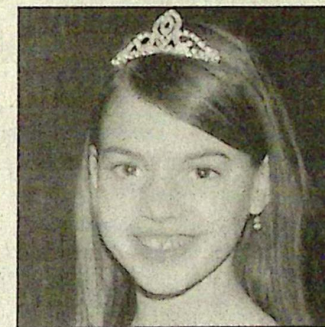
Those who haven't seen the Swiss Miss competition in a while, this is the year to come.

All the girls competing are lovely and talented so the judges will have their work cut out for them the contestants are: Shelby Blackburn, daughter of Steve and Liesl Blackburn; Kayla Hoover, daughter of Kim and Jean Hoover; Clarissa Keller, daughter of Judy and Jon Keller; Montana Law, daughter of Varlin and Carla Law; Tristin

Lowe, daughter of Richard and Julia Lowe; Lindsay Mason, daughter of Scott and Terry Mason; Kati Murphy, daughter of George and Brinli Murphy; Karlee Pace, daughter of Curt and Rhonda Pace; Abby and Julia Snow, daughters of Kevin and Tara Snow; and Lily Wetterlin, daughter of Jeff and Tracy Wetterlin.

The Midway Boosters sponsor the Swiss Miss Pageant, whose president, Joan Rasband, has made it a priority to have each girl feel like a winner.

All the contestants will receive a special gift from the Boosters the evening of the pageant.



Montana Law



## FROM THE FRONT



*Swiss Miss Court 2005 - 06*

Shown above is the Swiss Miss Court: Montana Law - Swiss Miss, Julia Snow - 1st attendant, Tristin Lowe - attendant, Abby Snow - attendant, and Lindsay Mason - attendant. Tristin Lowe received Miss Congeniality.



## *Swiss Miss 2005-06*



*Montana Law*

MIDWAY – Montana Law, daughter of Varlin and Carla Law, was crowned Swiss Miss 2005-06 in the annual Swiss Miss Pageant held Friday, April 8. Representing the rest of Law's court are: Julia Snow, Tristin Lowe, Abby Snow, and Lindsay Mason. Lowe also was given the honor of Miss Congeniality. For a group picture of the court see page A4.



# Meet the New Swiss Miss Royalty



2005 Swiss Miss Royalty

The Midway Boosters are pleased to introduce this year's Swiss Miss Royalty.

This year's pageant was held April 2, where five new representatives of Midway were chosen.

These young ladies will act as hostesses for Midway's annual Swiss Days event which will be September 2-3 at the Midway Town Square. The royalty will also perform at public events such as Heber Fair Days, Swiss Days and Swiss Christmas.

**Montana Law, Swiss Miss 2005**

*Daughter of Varlin and Carla Law*

Montana has lived in Midway for over 10 years and is pleased to represent our city as this year's Swiss Miss. She is the oldest of six children.

Montana is an honor student and loves school. She has many hobbies which include horses, art, reading, singing, dancing, being in plays and performing.

Montana is looking forward to fulfilling her community service projects this year as well as being an ambassador for the City of Midway.

**Julia Snow, First Attendant**

*Daughter of Kevin and Tara Snow*

Julia is the oldest of four girls in her family. She enjoys school and is an honor student at Rocky Mountain Middle School.

Julia participates with Rocky Mountain Express Cloggers,

competing on a National level. She plays the piano and she plays the flute in the middle school band.

Julia is very excited to represent Midway and is looking forward to making new friends and participating in community service opportunities.

**Tristin Lowe, Attendant**

*Daughter of Richard and Julia Lowe*

Tristin has grown up in a family of eight children. She is a sixth grade honor student at Rocky Mountain Middle School. She enjoys performing, gymnastics, soccer, snowboarding and cheerleading.

Tristin has become quite the entrepreneur selling golf balls and homemade lemonade. She is a friend to everyone and loves serving in the Swiss Miss Royalty. She has the added honor of being chosen by her peers as Miss Congeniality.

**Abby Snow, Attendant**

*Daughter of Kevin and Tara Snow*

Abby is 10 years-old and is an honor student at Midway Elementary School. She plays the piano and competes with Rocky Mountain Express Cloggers on a National level.

Abby was on the Junior All-American Clogging team last year and is a very generous and giving young lady who enjoys helping others.

Abby is proud to be a citizen of Midway and is looking forward to the experiences she will have this coming year.

**Lindsay Mason, Attendant**

*Daughter of Scot and Terry Mason*

Lindsay is the youngest in her family and the only daughter. She is in the seventh grade at Rocky Mountain Middle School.

Lindsay loves to sing and dance and has been involved in *Annie*, *Wicked* and other performances with Show Business Dance Company.

She loves all sports, especially skiing and horseback riding. Lindsay is grateful to have been chosen as an attendant this year.

While all of these young ladies have varied interests and talents, they share a love of community service.

They have been actively serving the community by making homemade cards for members of the community, making blankets for the Children's Justice Center and participating in the Midway City cleanup.

They enjoyed getting dusty and dirty in the dark recesses of the Old Town Hall.

Look for them in the near future as they help hostess the annual Midway Fourth of July celebration, visit with the elderly at a local nursing home and plant flowers at Town Square in preparation for Swiss Days.

The Swiss Miss Royalty and their families are looking forward to a year full of memorable experiences and would like to thank the community for their support.



# Report from County Council

Greetings to the residents of Midway from your county council. We have been very busy since the first of the year with four new council members on board.

It looks like we are in for a very busy spring and summer construction season. We have started excavation for the new Event Center near the County park on Midway Lane. A contractor is on board, and we are making the final design decisions. Because of the type of building we chose, once it starts to go up it will almost seem to spring from the ground. We are going to have a concrete wall building similar to the arena in Oakley, except ours will be better because we have designed it to be more of a multipurpose Event Center. Building construction will be completed by the end of June and we are already receiving requests to reserve the center for upcoming events.

We are looking forward to UDOT finally moving forward with the Provo Canyon project and appreciate their commitment to this project and all the other help they give us. They helped with Heber's main street project and will be an integral part of this summer's Midway Main Street project.

Our new Library continues to be a big hit with the people that use it. We have been able to "recycle" the old library, on Main Street in Heber City, into much needed office space for our County building, engineering, and planning departments. When we move them into their new space, it will free up space in the old courthouse to give people a little more elbow room. With as fast as the county is growing we are steadfast in our resolve to make do with what we have for as long as possible. We want to provide the citizens the best service at the

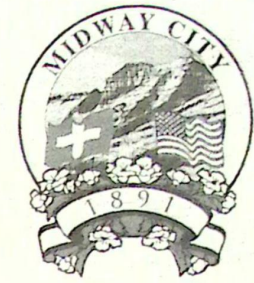
most reasonable cost.

Wasatch County Public Works Department will sponsor free homeowner trash disposal days at the Transfer Station on April 23rd through the 30th. It is a great opportunity for all of us to clean up our yards and throw out unneeded items that seem to accumulate (husbands will not be accepted at the transfer station).

Finally we would like to invite all of you to attend your Council Meetings. General meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of each month at 3:00 pm. Agendas and other current information are listed on our web page at <http://www.co.wasatch.utah.us>

Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

Jay Price, Steve Farrell, Mike Kohler



## Midway Boosters Look Forward to Another Great Year

Joan Rasband - President

We just completed a successful year under the direction of past-president Gary Lloyd and express gratitude to him for the countless hours he spent giving service to this great community. Our new executive board members are Joan Rasband, President, Dick Hines, Vice-President elect, Randon Wilson, Vice-President, Nola Gertsch, Secretary and Garth Rasband, Treasurer. We welcome new board members: Dorothy Boardman, Gary and Marjean Garowski, Randy and Helen Hall, Slone and Veralynn Porter and Bryce and Lyn Rasmussen.

Once again, Midway experienced an eventful Swiss Christmas under the direction of Dick and Brenda Hines. There was a nice variety of vendors with creative items to buy. Father and Mother Christmas were a hit with the children and certainly added to the Christmas excitement for everyone present. The food from our local restaurants, Genulies and Mountain House Grill was wonderful and tasty as usual. We thank everyone who participated and made this annual event a success. We look forward to our next Swiss Christmas even being more successful.

The Swiss Miss Royalty Pageant was held Saturday, April 2nd at the Town Hall and our new Royalty was chosen. Our new Swiss Miss is Montana Law, 1st attendant Julia Snow, attendant Tristin Lowe, attendant Abby Snow, and attendant Lindsay Mason. Good job to all of the girls who participated. Also thank you to Mindy Sims who was the chairperson for this years pageant. She put in a lot of hours to make it a wonderful experience for all involved. We would like to thank last years Royalty as well. They were: Regan Zite, Swiss Miss, Hannah Kohler, 1st attendant, Abby Hobbs, attendant, Rachael Kohler, attendant and Kimberly Kohler, attendant. Thanks for being such great little ambassadors for Midway!

The Annual Boosters meeting was held Thursday, March 17th at the Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to inform the citizens about what is going on and hear citizen input on future projects. It is stated in the Midway Booster Bylaws "The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Corporation shall be held...to report on the activities of the previous year, to give a financial accounting, and for the purpose of receiving input from the community." Thank you to all those who attended.

The Boosters and Midway City are working together to clean up the stage area in the Town Hall by April 1st. If you have any items of interest or personal belongings please remove them by the April 1st deadline or it will be hauled to the dump.


Our annual 4th of July celebration is in the planning stages. We hope to engage a military officer who has served in Iraq during the time the Iraqi people were preparing for their country's election. During this celebration the honored Citizen(s) will be announced and the Fife and Drum Corp will be marching down Main Street from Memorial Hill.

The Boosters will host Swiss Days this year on September 2nd & 3rd under the direction of committee chair Mark Sweat. We look forward to this event of service when we all have the privilege of serving together and getting acquainted with new residents of Midway.

Thank you to our city officials and the great residents of Midway who make this a unique and beautiful valley to live in.





Dear Midway Boosters, ~~

I just wanted to let you know  
how much I have enjoyed  
participating in this special  
tradition. I have enjoyed every  
moment of it! I also love the  
gift you gave me! This experience  
was absolutely amazing!

Thank-you so much!

your little princess-in-  
training,

Lindsay Mason



4th of July

Sunrise

Patriotic

Program



## Fourth of July Morning Patriotic Program

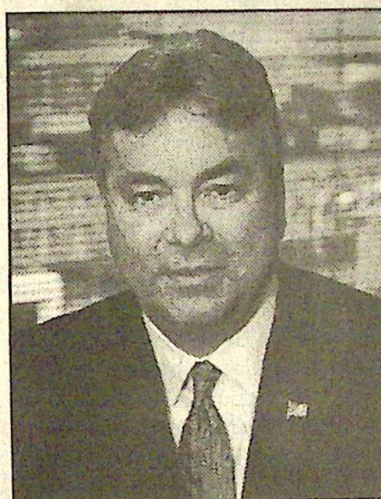
MIDWAY - The Midway Booster's early morning side patriotic program is the only way to begin each Fourth of July.

This year, the annual early a.m. service takes on the theme, "Would We Have Voted in Iraq?"

The guest speaker for this event will be Robert C. Gross, senior advisor to the Iraqi Ministry of Labor & Social Affairs.

Gross served in post-war Iraq before the Iraq elections were held. He has a great number of personal experiences leading up to the historic elections in Iraq and he still has several post-election contacts with friends in Iraq.

Robert Gross is the founder and CEO of a full service management and leadership consulting and governmental affairs firm. He has been highly successful in the national banking arena and has served on several boards of directors.



Robert C. Gross

Gross is a nationally recognized public and private sector organization leadership, management and governance speaker. He has lectured on a wide variety of topics including "The Real Difference Between Management and Leadership" and "Moving from 'Good to Great'".

The Midway Boosters issued a press release saying, "We feel very lucky to have Robert C. Gross as our guest speaker in Midway this year."

All are invited to the July 4, event. The program begins at 7 a.m. for the posting of the colors, Swiss Chorus, program. Breakfast follows at 8 a.m.

Midway artists will have their work on display all day at the Midway Town Hall.



Midway Boosters purchased portable risers for  
Swiss Chorus



















July 4th Sunrise Program - Speaker Robert C. Gross









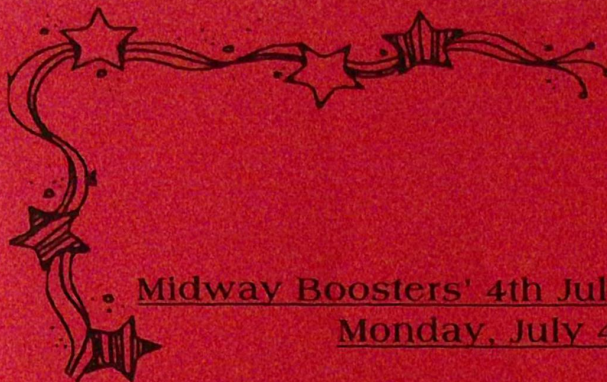












Happy  
4<sup>th</sup> of July

Midway Boosters' 4th July Sunrise Program  
Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005

7 A.M. "Yankee Doodle"..... Fife & Drum Corps  
Posting of the Colors..... Fife & Drum Corps  
Pledge of Allegiance..... Gene Probst

Welcome..... Joan Rasband, Booster President  
Invocation..... Pres. O. Lane McCotter  
"America the Beautiful"..... Swiss Chorus

Director- Marilyn Norris

Accompanist – Marilyn Larsen

Announce Honored Citizens..... Marjean Garowski

"America and the Dream Goes On"..... Swiss Chorus

Introduce Guest Speaker..... Randon Wilson  
Robert C. Grose, Sr. Advisor to Paul Bremer

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"..... Swiss Chorus  
Fife & Drum – drum accompaniment

"Taps" and Retire the Colors..... Fife & Drum Corps  
Benediction:..... Rex Barrett

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast..... M 4<sup>th</sup> Ward

Midway Art Assoc. & guest artists' show..Town Hall

10 P.M..... Fireworks Memorial Hill





**REMARKS –Delivered on the Celebratory Occasion of America's  
Anniversary  
Midway, Utah...July 4, 2005  
By Robert C. Gross**

Thank you for the privilege of addressing you on **this**, the anniversary of our nation's independence. At our President's request, we pause and remember today our men and women serving in uniform around the world. **To them**, we extend our nation's gratitude for their selflessness, their service and their sacrifice. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and with their families this Independence Day. Please now join with me in a moment of silence as we honor those who have recently given the last full measure of devotion in the War on Terror.

We rejoice this Independence Day in symbolic remembrance of the anniversary of our national birth as we celebrate those noble self-evident truths of certain unalienable rights, which are bestowed upon all mankind: **life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness**. Over two and a quarter centuries ago, citizens of the thirteen American colonies, through their elected representatives, declared independence - this, nearly fifteen months after those first "Shots Heard 'Round the World". In the weeks and months following Lexington and Concord, uncertainty prevailed among America's first patriots: the Battle of Bunker Hill was fought to a tactical draw; British troops subsequently evacuated Boston after Washington's colonials lay siege from Dorchester Heights using cannon miraculously transported from Fort Ticonderoga; and both sides ultimately repaired to New York, the Americans by



land and the British by sea by way of Halifax as both sides planned, postured and prepared to battle over the colonies' largest city.

Events moved slowly and unevenly after those initial events. Colonists and their representatives were initially divided. Some one-third remained loyal to the Crown and another one-third remained ambivalent. Only a third was committed to independence. Attempts at reconciliation proved fruitless. A majority favoring independence slowly emerged in the Continental Congress, and a final decision and vote in favor of a declaration came on July 2, 1776. The Glorious Cause was thereafter to be an all or nothing effort, pitting Americans against loyalist neighbors and the highly trained troops of a King determined to teach the colonists a lesson and prevent any loss to his empire.

Within weeks of the declaration, initial euphoria dissolved and optimism turned first to pessimism and then to despair, as Washington and his troops were nearly annihilated in the Battle of Brooklyn and then forced to retreat and evacuate into and then from Manhattan Island to New Jersey. Fort Washington, the last New York outpost, fell and nearly a quarter of the Continental Army surrendered. As morale among the poorly clothed and fed soldiers ebbed, many soldiers returned home as their enlistments expired. Illness and disease were rampant. The bitter cold affected everyone's sensibilities. General Washington's judgment and competence were questioned by many, as confidence in their commander wavered even among his closest advisors. Privately discouraged but displaying outwardly



assurance, confidence, and optimism, Washington, always a man of action, in near desperation, reached for the bold in order to galvanize his men and his country as both armies moved to winter quarters. He first promised his men an unauthorized \$10 bonus to extend for six months their expiring enlistments. Then, after a hastily drawn battle plan, Washington led what remained of his army across the Delaware during a bitter storm on Christmas Night, 1776, marched them along the river six miles and surprised and overwhelmed the Hessian outpost at Trenton. Within an hour the enemy surrendered. Days later, the Continentals again astonished the enemy at Princeton, overpowering them quickly. And, although the war continued on for another six and a half years, these bold strokes, coming at the fledgling country's then darkest hour, proved to be the crucial turning point in the war for independence. Washington, forced to restrain his own passion for bold action, thereafter tempered his strategy and tactics, often deferring to the advice of his own War Council. He learned from his defeats, more numerous than his victories, as he conducted a defensive war of attrition and survival until Yorktown. America's first patriots - often miserable beyond endurance - suffered in winter quarters and shed blood on battlefields both north and south. Throughout this long ordeal, Washington's inner confidence remained resolute as he urged **patience, perseverance, and persistence**. To quote David McCullough, from his current bestselling masterpiece, *1776*:

He was not a brilliant strategist or tactician, nor a gifted orator, not an intellectual. At several critical moments he had shown marked indecisiveness. He had made serious mistakes in judgment. But experience had been his great teacher from boyhood, and in this his



greatest test, he learned steadily from experience. Above all, Washington never forgot what was at stake and he never gave up.

And America's first soldiers, under their leader's example, adopted as they adapted and provided future generations of America's military sons and daughters a legacy that continues until today! Today, we celebrate that legacy as we honor America's uniformed men and women.

Now, the latest generation of Americans is called upon once again and is faced with a difficult war – and, with it war, opportunities to display and demonstrate those same attributes of patience, perseverance, and patience. This generation is now engaged in a global war on terror. It is a difficult war, unlike any in our nation's history. It is being fought militarily, politically, diplomatically, and financially against a foe that is guided by a blind ideology of hate and intolerance. This enemy cruelly is willing to slaughter innocents as it entices and offers up its own young for self destruction. This war has several battlefronts – the most current in Iraq. It came first to our shores on a beautiful September morn nearly four years ago. The foe we fight **now** is, as President Bush said last week, the **same** foe that attacked us on 9/11. They “murder in the name of totalitarian ideology that hates freedom, rejects tolerance, and despises all dissent.”

**This** is not a war that we or the free peoples of the world chose, yet it is not a war that we can afford to lose! We **will** prevail if we remember the lessons from our own legacies and those that we are learning now – **and, most importantly, if we**



**remain steadfast and we persevere.** Yes, we have made mistakes, just as we have in all the wars we've ever fought, but now - as in other conflicts - **we are learning and must continue to learn from those mistakes and do better.** And, daily we **are!**

I saw, experienced, and lived in the middle of this current battlefield first hand. I was privileged to serve in Baghdad for the first half of 2004 as a senior advisor to the Iraqi interim government and the Coalition Provisional Authority. I worked side by side with our brave men and women in uniform; with Iraqi patriots - Sunni and Shi'ite, Arab and Kurdish - and with fellow dedicated civilians. The work was difficult and long and often very dangerous. I witnessed first hand the devastation in this ancient cradle of civilization, but **not** devastation caused by **our** bombs or attacks. No, the devastation I saw came from the thirty-five years of tyranny and cruelty that laid waste to the Iraqi infrastructure, the Iraq economy, and the Iraqi culture. We were amazed at the extent to which Saddam and his Ba'athist cronies had stripped the country's resources, pocketed revenues, encouraged graft and corruption, spent lavishly on forty-eight presidential palaces and hedonistic excesses, and built up military arsenals and stockpiles, locating weapon caches on school grounds and social care facilities. The electrical system was outdated. Oil production suffered from antiquated equipment. Clean water was scarce. The waste and sewage systems were obsolete. .



These were not, however, my first impressions. Those were, **instead**, of sand and dirt; ugly concertina wire; hastily erected concrete blast walls and barriers; camouflage uniforms; weapons, both large and small; and garbage that was strewn everywhere. It was this garbage that made it easier for terrorists to plant undetected roadside bombs. Most profound of my impressions was my sense of danger everywhere. The danger proved itself to me soon enough, as the Palace was rocketed on the very night of my arrival. Our almost daily trips to our Ministry, located in the Red Zone, to do our work, were each terrifying. The dangers, both inside and outside the Green Zone, escalated during the following weeks. In April, 2004, the current insurgency began in earnest, coming from two sources: Shi'ites loyal to the renegade cleric, Moktada al Sadr, and the other, from jihadists, made up of former regime elements, foreign fighters from Saudi Arabia, Syria, Sudan, and Yemen, and who were and still are led by Jordanian Musab al Zarqawi. Although it now appears that they were not formally linked, the followers of Zarqawi took advantage of the timing of the al Sadr uprising to launch their own by ambushing four Americans in Fallujah. The same al Qaeda followers of Zarqawi are today attacking our military forces and indiscriminately destroying the lives of innocent Iraqis, especially those who are volunteering for military or law enforcement positions.

The daily images we see are horrifying, the loss of life deplorable and the deaths and injuries to our own brave men and women, every life precious, immeasurably painful and heart wrenching. Yet these brutal killers are failing to win over the



hearts or minds of the vast majority of Iraqis. Whatever local support they find resides within a very small number among the minority Sunnis. **Yet, this is volatile, and the new government must demonstrate its continued willingness to reach out and assure the Sunni minority that their voice will be heard in the new government and their liberties protected.** The insurgents would like nothing more than to see continued sectarian strife. Ultimately, the Iraqis, themselves, will decide their future. In the meantime, most seek our continued help.

The Iraqis I initially encountered were warm, peaceful, friendly, deferential, curious, and very often shy, especially the women. Although my immediate impression was to reach out to them, my own Iraqi interpreters repeatedly told me, "Never trust an Iraqi." I came to learn that Iraqis, and indeed Arabs, Kurds, and Persians, distrust each other immensely. That distrust - fueled by centuries of tribal conflict, religious differences, and imperial rule - and promoting endemic and systemic corruption - continues today to be the major political impediment to Iraqi reconstruction. Indeed, corruption and an attitude of entitlement among many appointed to prominent positions in the interim government, who believed that their positions entitled them to prestige, profit and power rather than obligated them to service, frustrated us as it frustrated many Iraqis. Yet, my staff and I, ever so cautiously at first, did learn to trust and to become friends with many of those with whom we worked and associated. And we discovered that most were exceedingly grateful for America and its coalition partners. Most remain grateful. And it does not now surprise us that so many Iraqis now, and most understandably, want to see



our presence diminish as the witness their own troops become trained, proficient, and capable. But they know that they are not yet ready.

Amazingly, we witnessed and are continuing to witness disparate groups, families, factions and tribes painfully learn lessons that strength comes from unity and unity comes from compromise, and compromise can lead to consensus. **Some** see this squabbling as proof that Iraqis will never come together. Those of us who've been there see it differently. The truth is that they are coming together, however tenuously. But such lessons are not easily learned, **just as our own have not been these past two and a quarter centuries.**

Just after my arrival last year I witnessed the adoption and signing of the first interim constitution, the Temporary Administrative Law. In June of last year, I witnessed the peaceful transition of one interim government to another as the Coalition returned sovereignty to the Iraqi citizens. **Some** said such a transition could never happen on time; **it did and**, in fact, occurred two days early. **Some** said that the Iraqi elections, scheduled for January 30 of this year, would never occur on time, and if they occurred at all, what with the terrible violence in the Sunni Triangle cities, would be marred and scarred by lower voter turnout and election irregularity. Well, the elections did occur on time, and over eight million Iraqi citizens, nearly sixty-five percent of the eligible voters, braved the dangers, walked to their polling places, voted, and proudly dipped a finger or thumb in



purple dye as a symbol of their freedom to choose. **So, you will understand and forgive me if I seem skeptical of the skeptics!**

**Would I have voted?** Well, let me answer that with the **very words** of my young personal interpreter, Ameer, who became like a son to me:

I think you and everyone in this world on the 30th of January did hear the voice of Freedom and Democracy from the ground of Iraq. I know that most of the people thought that it was just a day that the Iraqis cast their votes in the Polling centers and that's it.

But, in my capacity as an Iraqi man, I want to say that it was not a matter of participation in the Elections, but it was the great challenge: the Victory Day, the Born Baby of Freedom, the Electoral wedding, and the Violet Revolution (violet finger). Those are what the Iraqis do call it, and celebrate. That is how the Iraqis think about it.

On the 30th of January, the Iraqis notified the whole world that they are the only people who will determine and draw their political future, and they are changing the events in Iraq, not the (Hooded faces) or the bad guys, and I think that now the people in the U.S. and in the world will think differently about the Iraqis, since the Iraqis confirmed [to] the world that they dislike the Insurgency and terrorism and they like to join the free and Democratic world.

As you know - the Iraqi people suffered too long, and they are living in a difficult situations, bad services and dangerous times. But, again they showed their willingness and courage to take this important experience. Since they decided to buy the freedom with a high cost, they bought it with all of what they have; their lives and their children, when they decided to defy all the obstacles. And they told the world that the dictatorship could be changed with the Freedom, and it could be changed by an internal or external power; and the internal power is the willingness.



For me, in the day of Elections I woke up very early heading over the polling center, I cast my vote with a great confidence. I thought that I am a brave man, but after few moments I realized that there so many people braver than me, since I saw very old people, sick people were brought on stretchers, paralyzed came by wheelchairs and even the kids were also asking about the (violet ink).

I spent the whole day moving around from place to place, following all the news about the Elections, making phone calls and writing reports to my office in the Embassy. That's way I was one of the eight people whom were awarded with (Extra Mile Award).

Eventually I would say so may thank to all people in the world whom they help Iraq to go forward, starting with the GREAT people in the U.S. and to the American Government. Your help is highly appreciated.

GOD bless you all!! Have a good luck... Please keep in touch.

Ameer emailed me again just this last week to express his concern of news reports in his country suggesting that Americans may be losing their resolve. Ground commanders also report hearing those same questions and concerns from our military men and women.

Now, it seems, the unity of purpose, so prevalent immediately after 9/11, seems shattered, and doubts grow among many Americans about our cause and its cost. **Some** find fault with our reasons for going into Iraq. **Some** fault our continued efforts and our leadership, both civilian and military. **Some** are eager to magnify our mistakes **or worse**, call attention to factual assertions later proved unfounded. **Some** say there is no connection between the events of 9/11 and events that led us



into the current battlefield in Iraq. **And**, as the graphic images of violence continue and each day brings footage and reports of new homicide bombings, continuing loss of innocent life, and the death of U.S. service men and women, such criticism intensifies and doubts stir. Bin Laden, Zarqawi, and their followers **see** this, **know** this, and **count** on this as they wreak continued destruction and disharmony among Iraqis. They count on building Sunni popular support and promoting Kurdish and Shi'ite anger, just as they count on destroying American resolve. Yet, they offer no alternative to Iraqis other than a cynical return to despotism, continued chaos, and intolerance and tyranny! They offer nothing to America and her allies other than continued violence, continued terrorism and additional attacks!

**Many**, however, do **not** forget the lessons of 9/11. In a "Wall Street Journal" column last week, Daniel Henninger relates the following:

On a very warm Wednesday this past May, during Fleet Week in New York City, a passer-by at Ground Zero encountered some 150 astonishingly young Marines in fatigues, wet with sweat after a run, standing at attention on the site's edge, outside the fence. They were from the 24<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit, and they appeared to be in the middle of a formal ceremony. ....the organizer of the event, Major Dave Anderson, explained they were laying a wreath to honor the victims of September 11, and that the three Marines chosen to lay the wreath had earned Purple Hearts while serving in Iraq. When the ceremony ended, he said, a woman came out of the crowd, crying, and grabbed his wrist to say that her brother had died in there that day, and she said to him, 'When people see you Marines doing this, they'll know that you will take fight forward.'



Our military men and women do not forget. And we, too, should not forget. We may disagree - for that is and always has been the American way – the right to do so assured its permanent place in the pantheon of freedoms ensured by our Founders. **But with** those inalienable rights and liberties come also certain responsibilities and duties. Those, too, are the American way!

So, let us remember our lessons of legacy this Independence Day. Let us remember our dark days – those in the **struggle for independence**, the dark days of our **Civil War**, the fear and hopelessness of the **Great Depression**, and those difficult weeks **after the attack** on Pearl Harbor. In December, 1776, our brave ancestors were nearly spent. At that perilous hour, these words from the pen of Thomas Paine rallied hope:

**These are the times that try men's souls:** The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it NOW, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly; \_ 'Tis dearness only gives every thing its value. Heaven knows how to set proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed, if so celestial an article as FREEDOM should not be highly rated.

Americans of each generation experience challenges, some more difficult than others. In each generation, there are those who have emerged and demonstrated **patience, persistence and perseverance**. Now, it is **our turn!** As we face today's challenges, we do well to recall these words of Abraham Lincoln:

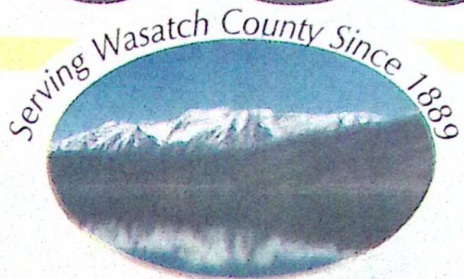


I have never had a feeling politically that did not spring from the sentiments embodied in the Declaration of Independence....I have often inquired of myself, what great principle or idea it was that kept this Confederacy so long together. It was not the mere matter of the separation of the colonies from the mother land; but something in that Declaration giving liberty, not alone to the people of this country, but hope to the world for all future time. It was that which gave promise that in due time the weights should be lifted from the shoulders of all men, and that all should have an equal chance.

Liberty for America and an equal chance of liberty for all of mankind – those are the things we value; those are the values that we treasure most. Let us remember that legacy as we remember those who serve today – they, too, deserve our love and thanks. And, **we**, this latest generation of Americans, can best show our support by showing our resolve!

**God Bless You, God Bless our Women and Men in Uniform; and God Bless These United States.**





## Midway Celebrates the 4th of July in Style

BY ROBIN JOHNSON  
Midway Staff Writer

At six o'clock sharp cannon blasts resounded through a mostly sleeping town on Monday morning, it's the traditional summons get up and join together on Town Square for the annual Sunrise & Patriotic service.

A Salt Lake City Fife and Drum Corp

obtain freedom. Gross said sixty-five percent of Iraq's eligible voters braved the dangers of voting to demonstrate the value they place on freedom.

Gross chose to answer the title of his remarks by reading two emails he received from his personal translator on the subject of freedom and the privilege to vote. Gross received the first email while he was still in Iraq just after the elections. His translator expressed gratitude for, and emphasized the importance of, voting for his country's new leaders. The second email was recent and sent in response to reports Iraqis are hearing that many Americans are losing faith in the fight for freedom effort. Gross said his friend wants Americans to understand the effort is worth the cost and it is appreciated by most of his people.

Following his remarks the Swiss Chorus and Fife and Drum Corp. finished the program. A bugler from the drum corp played taps and the colors were retired. Afterwards, a breakfast was held on Town Square and an art show was held inside Town Hall.

marched into town square playing their instruments

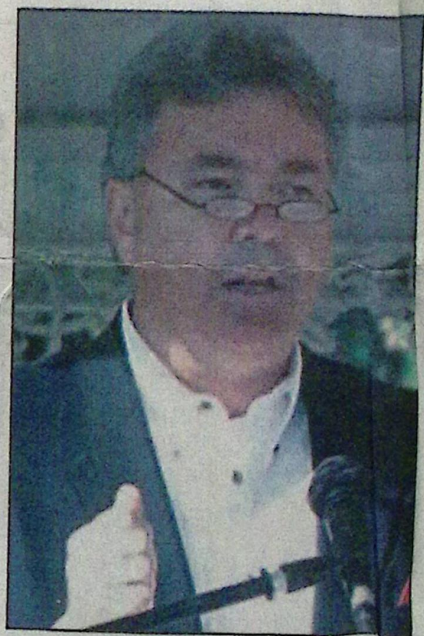
and bearing the flag of the USA and the Utah State Flag. The Swiss Chorus provided patriotic numbers such as "My Country 'Tis of Thee," "America, The Dream Goes On" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Midway Booster President, Joan Rasband, welcomed everyone and introduced the program. This year's guest speaker was Bountiful resident Robert C. Gross. He titled his talk, "Would I Have Voted If I Lived in Iraq."

Gross was introduced by his good friend, Randon Wilson. Gross is a lawyer who served on Governor Leavitt's cabinet. Last year Gross served six months in Iraq, from early January to late June, as the Senior Advisor to the Iraq Minister of Labor and Social Services and reported to Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) Administrator L. Paul Bremer. The Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) served as the governing authority for Iraq until the country's sovereignty was gradually turned over to the interim Iraqi government on June 28, 2004.

Gross laid a foundation of understanding for his listeners about the climate in Iraq of many Iraqi citizens toward freedom and toward America's efforts to help

Wave photos by Robin Johnson



Robert C. Gross





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## TOWN SQUARE EVENTS 2005

Friday  
September 2

Saturday  
September 3

8:00 **MARKET OPENS**

9:20 Swiss Miss Royalty

4 9:45 ~~Campfire Singing~~ *Open Range*

4 10:30 Charleston Folk

4 11:15 Salzburger Echo

3 12:00 Hobb's & Todd's Polka Band

✓ 12:45 Kerry Christensen

1 1:30 Lee Fugal

4 2:15 Salzburger Echo

4 3:00 One Voice

1 3:45 James O'Neil Miner

1 4:30 Kerry Christensen

1 5:30 Lee Fugal

28 7:00 **Swiss Chorus Musical**

6:00 **PRE-REGISTER 10K RUN\*\***

7:00 10K RUN

7:00 **CHUCKWAGON BREAKFAST**

8:00 **MARKET OPENS**

8:40 **SWISS MISS ROYALTY**

9:00 Acting Up!

4 9:30 4 Accords

10:00 **PARADE**

11:00 Letter Carriers Band

11:45 Swiss Chorus Sampler

1 12:00 James O'Neil Miner

1 12:45 Kerry Christensen

1:45 Beehive Statesmen

1 2:30 James O'Neil Miner

4 3:15 One Voice

1 4:00 Kerry Christensen

4:00 **BARBECUE DINNER**

6 4:45 Sorensen Family

4 5:30 River Road

7:00 **Swiss Chorus Musical**

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*60 meal tickets*

## MIDWAY TOWN HALL ENTERTAINMENT

2:00 Swiss Hand Bell Ringers - Britt Wilde Director

4:00 William Tell - Moira Michaels & Bill Gardner, Directors  
Swiss Children's Chorus - Jenn Jackson Director

7:00 Swiss Miss Royalty  
Swiss Chorus Musical

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Midway Swiss Chorus & Swiss Miss Royalty

**Musical**

Thursday, Friday, & Saturday 7:00pm

Swiss Chorus Director: Marilyn Norris, Accompanist Marilyn Larsen

Guest Instrumentalist: Nyle Steiner

Parking Lot Shuttle Pick-ups: River Road and Burgi Lane; Center St. (Charleston Rd) 300 S.

Visit [midwayswissdays.com](http://midwayswissdays.com) for Swiss Christmas information

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## Honored Citizens



**Wayne & Audrey Probst**

Wayne and Audrey were both born and raised in the Heber Valley; Wayne in Midway and Audrey in Heber City. They met in the ninth grade, Wayne having attended school in the old pot rock Elementary Midway School and Audrey the Heber Central School. They both graduated from Wasatch High School together. Wayne is the son of Joseph E. and Garnet Watkins Probst. Audrey is the daughter of Irwin T. and Ruby Price Hicken. Wayne and Audrey were married on March 20, 1953 in the Salt Lake Temple. They have made Midway their home since except for time away serving in the Air Force and as missionaries for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Wayne and Audrey are the parents of 5 sons and 1 daughter: Joe and Marsha, Ben and Nan and Mark of Midway, Kimball and Susan of Heber City, John and Jayne of Hollister, Idaho, and Annette and Dan Swainston of Bakersfield, California. 19 grand children and 1 great grand daughter.

Wayne earned a B.S. Degree in Agronomy, Animal Science, and Agricultural Economics from Brigham Young University. Upon graduation, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force. He served as a navigator in the B-29 bomber converted to an aerial tanker, with the 27th Air Refueling Squadron in Austin, Texas and Anchorage, Alaska.

After his release from the Air Force he, with Audrey, and sons Joe and Kimball, returned to Midway to farm. He later obtained a teaching certificate from BYU and taught school in Park City for 2 years. He went to work as an Agricultural Appraiser for the Federal Land Bank of Berkeley throughout the Western States. He later became president of the Federal Land Bank Association of Utah. Upon retiring from the Federal Land Bank Association, he established his own Agricultural Appraisal Service, throughout the Western States. Wayne has served on the Midway Planning Commission, (presently for a second term), a director of the Midway Irrigation Company, a committee member of the Wasatch Soil Conservation District, the Governor's Agricultural Advisory Committee, Utah Council of Cooperatives and an organizing member of the Utah FFA Foundation. He presently serves as the Utah Farm Mediator for the Utah Department of Agricultural and Food.

Wayne served with the Midway Harvest Festival, then Midway Days and now it is known as Swiss Days. While serving as Bishop of the Midway Second Ward he instigated the annual Memorial Day Breakfast and the Swiss Days Breakfast. He continues to help with the breakfast and the Pie and Ice Cream Booth.

Wayne served as a missionary in the North Central States, Bishop of the Midway Second Ward, Heber Stake High Council, the first President of the Midway Stake, Mission President of Pocatello Mission and presently a sealer in the Provo Temple. While serving as Stake President the Midway Stake Center was built. It was dedicated the same day he was released. Wayne continues to run a few cattle and a few acres of pasture and crop land here in Midway.

Audrey earned a B.S. in Elementary Education from Brigham Young University in 1951. She then taught school in Portland, Oregon for one year. She returned home to Utah and taught one year in Lehi. She substituted for several years on the Wasatch School District. She served as President of the Midway Second Ward Relief Society. She sang for several years in the Swiss Chorus, and continues to help in the Relief Society Booth as well as the Pie and Ice Cream Booth. She says she is an ordinary, loyal supporter of Midway helping wherever asked to serve. Audrey served a mission in Pocatello Idaho with her husband Wayne. She has taught in the auxiliaries, as well as the pianist in Primary and Relief Society and serves as an ordinance worker in the Provo Temple.

They are very humble to be selected as the Honored Citizens of Midway this year. They love Midway and the wonderful people who live here. They make Midway home and are grateful for it's beauty and it's peace.

## SWISS MISS ROYALTY



**Montana Law, Swiss Miss 2005, Julia Snow, First Attendant, Tristin Lowe, Attendant, Abby Snow, Attendant, Lindsay Mason, Attendant**

The Midway Boosters are pleased to introduce this year's Swiss Miss Royalty. This year's pageant was held April 2, where five new representatives of Midway were chosen.

These young ladies will act as hostesses for Midway's annual Swiss Days on the Midway Town Square. The royalty will also perform at public events such as Wasatch County Fair Days, Swiss Days and Swiss Christmas.

### **Montana Law, Swiss Miss 2005**

*Daughter of Varlin and Carla Law*

Montana has lived in Midway for over 10 years and is pleased to represent our city as this year's Swiss Miss. She is the oldest of six children.

Montana is an honor student and loves school. She has many hobbies which include horses, art, reading, singing, dancing, being in plays and performing.

Montana is looking forward to fulfilling her community service projects this year as well as being an ambassador for the City of Midway.

### **Julia Snow, First Attendant**

*Daughter of Kevin and Tara Snow*

Julia is the oldest of four girls in her family. She enjoys school and is an honor student at Rocky Mountain Middle School.

Julia participates with Rocky Mountain Express Cloggers, competing on a National level. She plays the piano and she plays the flute in the Middle School band.

Julia is very excited to represent Midway and is looking forward to making new friends and participating in community service opportunities.

### **Tristin Lowe, Attendant**

*Daughter of Richard and Julia Lowe*

Tristin has grown up in a family of eight children. She is a sixth grade honor student at Rocky Mountain Middle School. She enjoys performing, gymnastics, soccer, snowboarding and cheerleading.

Tristin has become quite the entrepreneur selling golf balls and homemade lemonade. She is a friend to everyone and loves serving in the Swiss Miss Royalty. She has the added honor of being chosen by her peers as Miss Congeniality.

### **Abby Snow, Attendant**

*Daughter of Kevin and Tara Snow*

Abby is 10 years-old and is an honor student at Midway Elementary School. She plays the piano and competes with Rocky Mountain Express Cloggers on a National level.

Abby was on the Junior All-American Clogging team last year and is a very generous and giving young lady who enjoys helping others.

Abby is proud to be a citizen of Midway and is looking forward to the experiences she will have this coming year.

### **Lindsay Mason, Attendant**

*Daughter of Scot and Terry Mason*

Lindsay is the youngest in her family, and the only daughter. She is in the seventh grade at Rocky Mountain Middle School.

Lindsay loves to sing and dance and has been involved in *Annie*, *Wicked* and other performances with Show Business Dance Company.

She loves all sports, especially skiing and horseback riding. Lindsay is grateful to have been chosen as an attendant this year.

While all of these young ladies have varied interests and talents, they share a love of community service.

They have been actively serving the community by making homemade cards for members of the community, making blankets for the Children's Justice Center and participating in the Midway City cleanup.

They enjoyed getting dusty and dirty in the dark recesses of the Old Town Hall.

Look for them in the near future as they visit with the elderly at a local nursing home and plant flowers at Town Square and perform other acts of service.

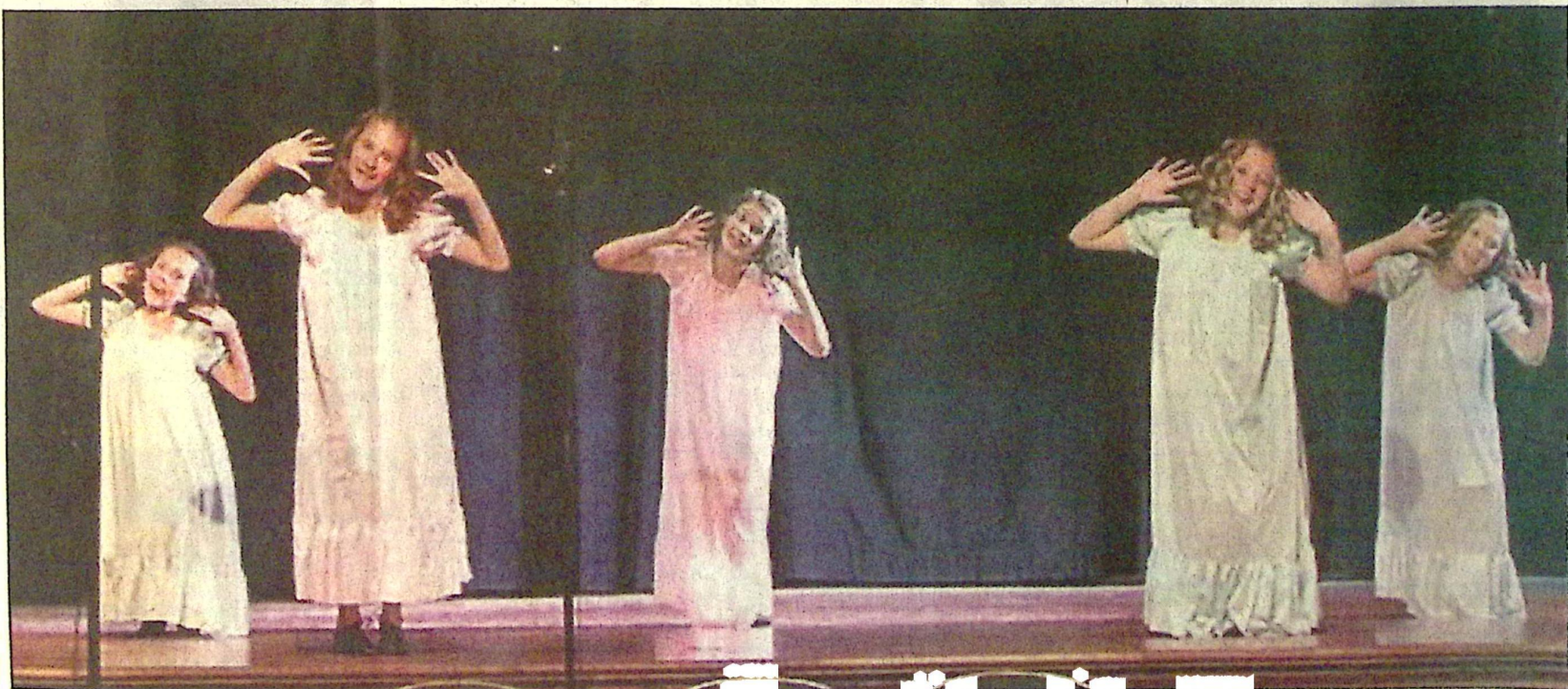
The Swiss Miss Royalty and their families are looking forward to a year full of memorable experiences and would like to thank the community for their support.





## THANKS FOR A GREAT SWISS DAYS 2005

SWISS DAYS 2005









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Wayne and Audrey  
Probst



## Swiss Days Entertainment for Everyone



Wave photos by Laurie Wynn and Robin Johnson

Visitors came out in droves for this year's Swiss Days. A multitude of craft booths were accompanied by a mini-carnival sponsored by the Midway Elementary School as a fund raiser. At the Midway Town Hall entertainment delighted young and old. See additional pictures on page A5.





BY ROBIN JOHNSON

Midway Staff Writer

Singing, dancing and toe tapping filled Midway's Town Hall and Town Square last weekend. Entertainment at Swiss Days seems to get better every year.

The ever popular Swiss Miss performance was seen twice each day, first thing on Friday and Saturday morning on the square kicking off the outdoor entertainment and preceding the Swiss Chorus each evening. The girls each performed individual numbers and three group numbers. Swiss Miss highlights were "Grandma's Feather Bed" by John Denver and "So Long, Farewell" from The Sound of Music.

Handbells filled the air, sometimes accompanied by Rob Sorenson of The Sorenson Family on the mandolin or violin and by Thomas Evans on the bongo drums. Director Brit Wilde delivered on her promise, this bell choir was up to her high standard. All their numbers were crowd pleasers, but several stood out. Children enjoyed marching to Disney's "Mickey Mouse Club".

"Grandfather's Clock" and a Mancini Medley including "Baby Elephant Walk" and "Pink Panther" delighted young and old.

The handbell ringers took a break while Rob Sorenson played a contemporary violin piece written for the PBS documentary by Ken Burns on The Civil War. The melancholy solo served as the background music behind love letters writ-

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### *Entertainment at Swiss Days seems to get better every year.*

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ten by a soldier to his wife and became the series theme song. The bell choir ended with two numbers from Africa and received a standing ovation.

Heber Valley's children took the stage in a performance of "William Tell" celebrating the play's 200th anniversary. The Swiss Children's Chorus followed dressed in new colorful costumes. One of the afternoon's cutest numbers was a

duet delivered by two of the choir's youngest members, "Edelweiss".

Marilyn Norris had the Swiss Choir ready for their evening musical. There were many beautifully delivered numbers, to many to name, but there were a few stand outs. A beautiful arrangement of Barry Manilow's "When October Comes" provided the music for three members from the "River Meadows Ballet Company" to perform on stage behind the choir and a white backlit screen. A Barbershop Quartet performed "Lida Rose" with a soprano descant.

Marilyn Larsen and Debra Foreman played a piano duet accompaniment to the choir's rendition of "I Love a Piano." The choir sang this number in tribute to Larsen, who has accompanied the chorus for twenty years. Special effects enhanced several numbers. Photos of Robert Duncan's artwork flashed across the white screen as the choir sang one number, while photos and silhouettes of American symbols touched hearts when coupled with the choir's rendition of

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## FROM THE FRONT

# Swiss Days Has Entertainment for All Visitors

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"The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and local veterans saluting the American flag for the grand finale.

Entertainment on the square was broadcast over loudspeakers for all to hear and still the bleachers were packed with eager audiences wanting to see the performances, too. In years gone by entertainers would sometimes perform three or four times a day. So many good entertainers have been attracted to Swiss Days that most of them only perform once now. Piano player James O'Neil Miner and

yodeler Kerry Christianson are the exceptions, still performing twice a day.

The Beehive Statesmen were new to Swiss Days this year. A men's choir from Salt Lake City, they specialize in Barbershop music and several Barbershop Quartets sing with the choir. After their Saturday performance one quartet stuck around and serenaded Swiss Days patrons. One young man requested a special number for his girl and they gathered around the couple in a circle and sang, "Hello, Mary Lou".

A favorite local group, One Voice, sang on both afternoons.

One Voice, so named because all four members are altos, is currently working on their third CD. Their beautiful voices blend nicely in four part harmony on some songs, yet each lady can hold her own on a solo, with balanced backup. Two stunning solos were "Cowboy Take Me Away" and Faith Hill's "Breathe".

This year's outstanding entertainment, all free, proved Swiss Days is much more than the obvious crafts and food. It is possible to visit the square, feed your soul, carry home a beautiful memory and spend only your time.





Joan Rasband, Gayle Wilson, and Nola Gertsch prepared gifts to be given to vendors who participated in Swiss Days 2005





Larry Elliott spent countless hours operating the sound system for practices and performances for Swiss Days





Wayne and Audrey Probst were Midway's Honored Citizens in 2005.  
Their family joined them during Swiss Days.







Thursday night prayer meeting and final preparations before  
Swiss Days.













SWISS DAYS



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Karl and GundaLe Dodge were in charge of the Booster's Booth in 2005. Pictured are Gary Bonner and GundaLe.





President of Boosters; Joan Rasband and Vice President  
Dick Hines











































# Midway's Annual Swiss Chorus Musical

Nostalgia for Switzerland and America are once again common themes throughout the Midway Swiss Chorus and Swiss Miss Musical, generously sprinkled with American patriotism.

Charlene Johnson, Swiss Chorus publicity chairman, said, "The Swiss Chorus musical programs always bring back a flood of memories through the wonderful nostalgic music of times gone by. This year the program promises more of the same great music. Along with the Swiss Days standards, there are a lot of fun and entertaining pieces that will appeal to young and old."

Midway's Swiss Miss court kicks off the show with Julie and Abby Snow clogging to "Cowboy Sweetheart", Swiss Miss Montana Law, singing "In My Own Little Corner", Lindsay Mason singing "Mama I'm a Big Girl Now" and Tristin Lowe dancing to "A Dance to Walk". The girls also sing together.

The Swiss Chorus will follow the Swiss Miss and Midway's Honored Citizen presentation.

Swiss Days standards audiences can watch for are "Edelweiss", accompanied by Martin Chatterley on the guitar, "The Happy Wanderer", accompanied by Larry Elliot on his accordion and "Wunderbar", accompanied by Marilyn Larsen on the piano and Nile Steiner on his Electronic Valve Instrument

Special numbers this year include "Shenendoah", beautifully rendered by a women's quartet spotlighting Karen Springer, Marilyn Norris, Deonne Stott, and Debbie Foreman.

"I Love a Piano", featuring a piano duet by Marilyn Larson and Debbie Foreman, this number is performed in tribute to Marilyn Larson who has accompanied the Swiss Chorus for twenty years. "Hello, Young Lovers" from "The King and I" presented as a vocal solo by Judy Milliner, a long-time mem-



Wave photo by Robin Johnson

The Swiss Chorus practices in Midway, in preparation for this weekend's Swiss Days.

ber of the chorus, and "Lida Rose" from "The Music Man" performed traditionally as a men's barbershop quartet featuring Craig Lacey, Dwight Norris, Bob Mathis and Michael Malmrose, with a counter-solo by Druanne Lacey.

Choir numbers comprise a medley from "Sleepless In Seattle", Camelot's "If Ever I Would Leave You", Victor Herbert's "I Am Falling In Love With Someone", Norman Lubof's arrangement of "Deep River" and John Rutter's "As the Bridegroom Cometh".

Barry Manilow's "When October Comes" was arranged by Anita Kerr and features a dance number by members of the River Meadows Ballet Co. - Amanda Ripley, Heidi Schade and Ashley Weekes.

The Swiss Chorus is pleased to welcome Nile Steiner and his Electronic Valve Instrument back for the third year, joining Marilyn Larson at the piano. Together they make accompanying the choir look easy and sound professional

"Steiner's unique instrument can imitate any horn and many other orchestral instruments," Johnson said. "Steiner's (invention) is now an integral part of some of the most prestigious orchestras around the world. It is a great honor to have Mr. Steiner with the chorus again."

Following recent tradition, the choir's "Finale" will be the highlight of the evening.

"The Choir will sing "Battle Hymn of the Republic" with some exciting special effects including a silhouette currently under construction by Mr. Gale's high school graphics art classes, and will include our local vets who enhanced our program last year," Johnson added. "It's guaranteed to put a big lump in your throat!"

Johnson is quick to express gratitude for local talent volunteering to help stage the program.

Dwight Norris has gathered and arranged a collection of rear projection slides from Switzerland, Midway and

the United States. His work will enhance many the musical program's numbers.

"Much of (the staging) would have been impossible," Johnson said, "had it not been for the sudden and most welcome arrival of Susan and Stu Waldrip."

According to Johnson, the couple just happened to drop in to a Swiss Chorus practice several weeks ago hoping to join the choir. The couple had recently moved here and, after practice Susan asked, "Can I help?"

"Susan has a history of theatre, having directed many productions in California," Johnson said. "When she asked [if she could] help, she certainly got more than she bargained for! We want to give a special thank you to both of them for their generous offer of time and talent."

The Swiss Chorus and Swiss Miss Musical runs September 1-3, Thursday and Saturday nights, beginning 7:00 pm. in the Midway Town Hall. NO ADMISSION.





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Wave Swiss Days  
photos by Robin Johnson



July 2005

Dear Midway Boosters:

The honor you have given us is gratefully accepted. We are humbled to represent the citizens of Midway. We have always enjoyed serving with the wonderful people of this community.

Our town has been greatly blessed by the many fine contributions the Midway Boosters have done for all of us.

We thank you again and will do our best to live up to this honor.

Sincerely,  
Wayne & Audrey Probst



# SNAKE HAVEN OR MIDWAY TO HEAVEN?

By Al Kohler

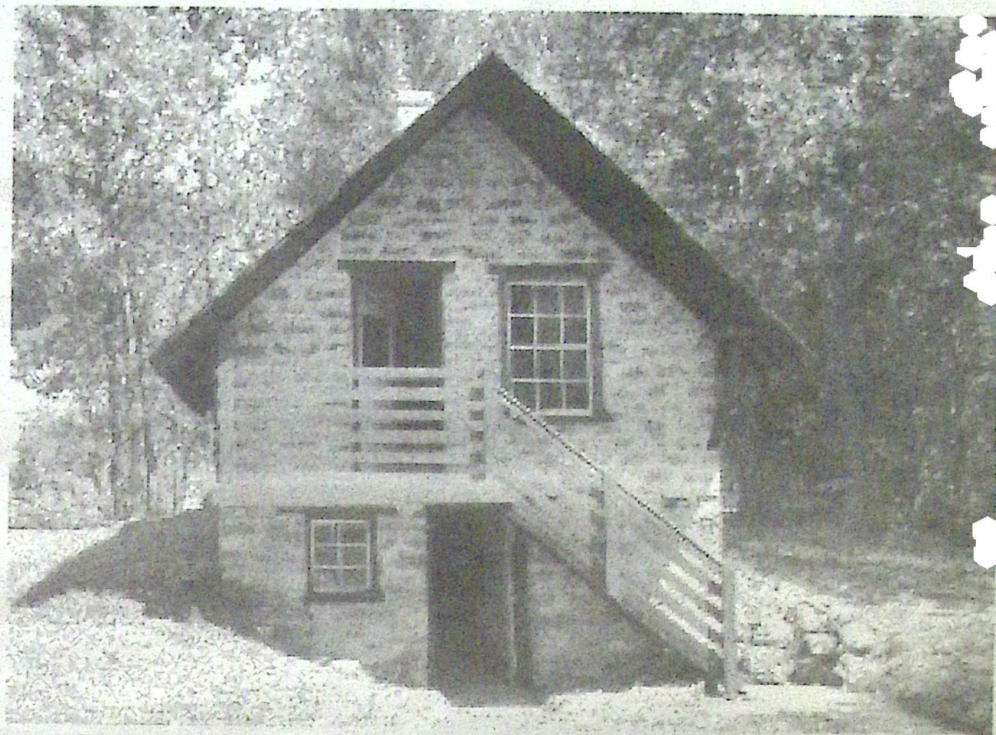
Life in the Provo Valley was a real challenge in 1859, especially for those who settled along Snake Creek, north of what was to become Midway. The pres-

ence of Indians and rattle snakes made them wonder if they had made the right choice settling where they did.

When they started logging, for home building, from the Snake Creek and Pine Canyons areas, not only did the men find the work a great challenge, but so did their teams of horses because the area was infested with snakes. The men and horses had to tolerate many snake encounters each trip up the canyons.

The first Snake Creek settlement, about two miles north of today's Midway City, soon became known as Mound City because of its many limestone formations in the area. This area had the most trouble with rattlesnakes.

The snakes congregated in the warm water pots around what is now the Homestead Resort. The snakes survived the cold winters snuggled in the warm pots.



The settlers found this area desirable for the same reasons. They built their cabins along Snake Creek, that flows out of the canyons. The water from Snake Creek and the hot spring craters made the area warmer than much of the surrounding land, which helped make the sub-zero temperatures more tolerable and the beauty was unequaled.

They tilled as much of the land as possible and planted grain. The first summer of 1859, the crop was super.

In the spring of 1860 many more settlers arrived, and established another settlement. The two communities became known as the upper and lower settlements.

As the word got around about the new settlements, many more people moved here from Provo and American Fork area. The upper settlement seemed to be the preferred spot to build a cabin.

By 1861 there were more than 50 families. They met together as a community and religious groups on Sunday. They found they needed a meeting house.

In 1862 a meeting house was proposed and work started on the building that spring. It was built of logs with a dirt roof and floor. It was completed for the July 24th celebration. It was built in Mound City.

Life was not easy for the settlers. Hard work was required just to survive.

In 1866 their lives were further complicated with Indian problems. The Indians throughout the State of Utah didn't like the fact that the white men were taking over their favorite hunting and trapping grounds. Brigham Young counseled communities to gather in forts. The upper and lower Snake Creek settlements were asked to join together.


In 1866 the Snake Creek upper and lower settlements were abandoned.

There were several problems to address before the proposed change was made. What to call the new settlement brought great debate. Even though Mound City, the upper settlement, was the largest, it didn't seem appropriate to call the new settlement Mound City if they no longer lived around the large formations of stone.

It seemed proper, one settler said, if they both move from their homes in the upper and lower settlements and came together at a midway location, and that they call it Midway. This was agreed on by all in attendance. Thus the name, Midway, was born.

Although a new location brought protection from Indian raids, there was still the problem of snakes to solve. The lower settlement people didn't like the idea of moving so close to the rattlesnakes. A stranger at the organizational meeting offered to help them take care of the snake problem.

After much laughter, they asked



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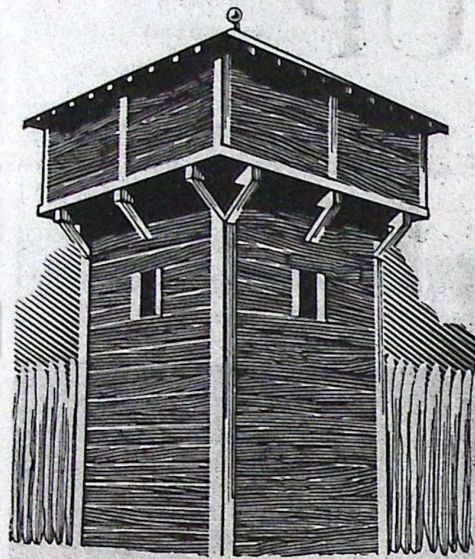
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Now he could possibly help them with the snakes. One joke surfaced that the stranger looked like a pied piper. Could he be the pied piper of snakes? They questioned the stranger and asked him if he would cast a spell on the snakes. Some wondered if he would shoot them all. The thought even occurred that he would make them into an army to chase the Indians out of the valley.

The leader of the group finally told everyone that they had had their fun and now it was time to listen to what this man had to offer.

The stranger spoke up, this time, with his plan to free Midway of snakes.

The stranger said, "It's late September and I can't do much for you until Spring. I'll return then, to rid you of this snake problem." Of course, he was questioned about how he was going to do that. The stranger only told the people trust him. He said he knew what he was doing.

The people still wanted to know what the man would charge for his services. The fee was \$100. They would have to pay only if he was successful. If he failed, they owed him nothing.

Immediately, the group shouted, "What have we got to lose! Let's see what this guy is made of."

"OK," said the stranger. "Early next spring I'll be here ready to rid you of these trouble-making snakes. One thing you must do for me. I will need 1,000 pounds of the grain you are about to harvest. Also, the town corral for a month before I can start my project."

A city without snakes was too appealing to pass up. The farmers got together and decided they could spare the grain. The stranger left the meeting.

The thought of no snakes made the people really excited. The children would be able to go for walks in the hills

without fear. A more normal life would be great.

Spring came early in 1863. The people were ready for that stranger to return. The skeptics laughed and made fun of those who had faith in the stranger. Of course, there were those who would chant, "If you believe he will be back you're dumber than we've given you credit to be."

The first day of spring came and a couple of riders on horseback headed for Jesse's Mound to take a look up the canyons. Off in the distance they could see something. At first, they thought it was some of those Indian renegades that kept their lives so stirred up.

With the early morning sun in their eyes it was hard to see clearly what was coming into the valley from the Daniels Canyon area. They sat astride their horses, shaded their eyes, and watched. Soon they could see that there were two covered wagons.

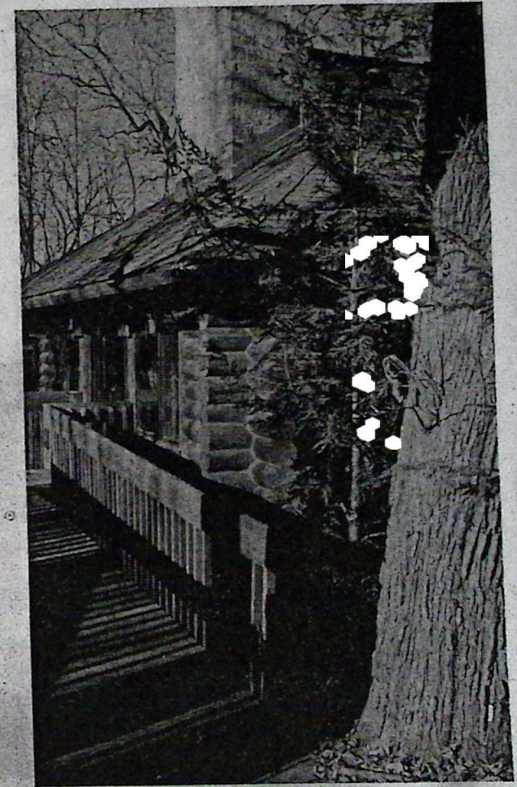
"Heck," said one of the men, "That's just some travelers passing through. Let's head for home and get those logs cut. You know, maybe, those skeptics are right, we've been had."

Back up at Mound City the people were really disappointed. Well, tomorrow is another day. So they decided to go

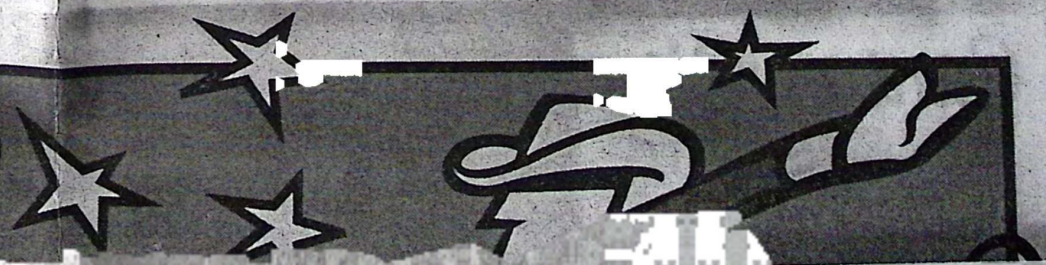
to work and get the house built. Everyone seemed to be grumbling under their breath.

One courageous man started singing a hymn and soon the entire group felt relieved and went back to work knowing this problem was going to be taken care of one way or another.

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Home on the range?





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We wish to thank the numerous donors who helped make this project possible:

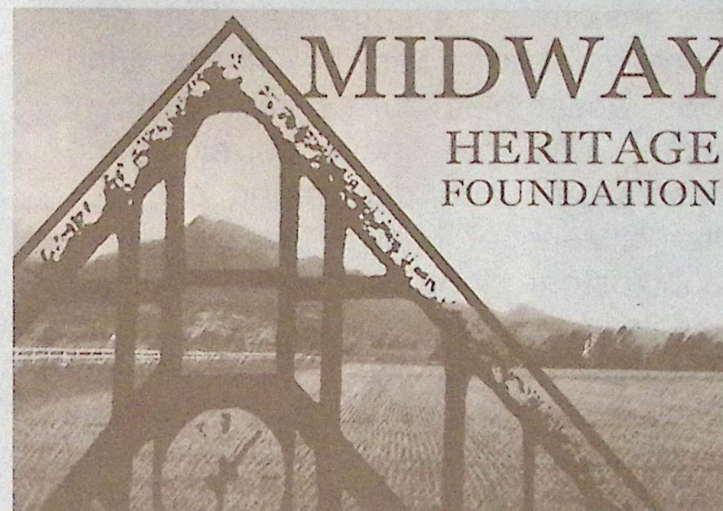
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The Expansion of Centennial Park  
Midway City, Utah  
Dedication Ceremony  
September 17, 2005



Midway Heritage Foundation and Watts Enterprises undertook the expansion of Centennial Park by agreement with Midway City as land was assembled for a new grocery store. We now have an expanded recreational and playground area for the citizens of Midway as well as a cobblestone footbridge and walkway leading to Midway City's Town Square. The landscaping was enhanced by more than 70 new trees and shrubs and a picnic pavilion; the children's recreation area has new playground equipment funded by the City.

This partnership among the Midway Heritage Foundation, Watts Enterprises and Midway City is an illustration of the good that can come to our community through cooperation and goodwill. Future generations will benefit through the efforts of those with vision and energy. We hope our many donors also share in the pride we feel in the beautification and revitalization of this beautiful Park.

## Dedication Ceremony for Centennial Park Expansion

Welcome, Introduction & Overview	<b>Randon Wilson</b> Midway Heritage Foundation
Invocation	<b>Robert Simonsen</b> Midway Heritage Foundation
Recognition of donors	<b>Randon Wilson</b> Midway Heritage Foundation
Remarks	<b>Russ Watts</b> Watts Enterprises
Remarks	<b>Mary Van Buren</b> Tread Lightly
Remarks	<b>Mike Eriksson</b> Northeast Area Forester
Remarks	<b>Justina Parsons-Bernstein</b> TreeUtah
Remarks & Presentation of Bridge	<b>Joan Rasband</b> Midway Boosters
Dedication	<b>Wayne Probst</b> Honored Citizen
Presentation to Midway City	<b>Jack Zenger, President</b> Midway Heritage Foundation
Acceptance by Midway City	<b>Colleen Bonner</b> <b>Mayor Bill Probst</b>
Remarks	<b>Colleen Bonner</b> <b>Mayor Probst</b>
Benediction & Blessing on the Food	<b>Grant Kohler</b>



Centennial Bridge erected by funds from the Midway Boosters  
in 2005









*Centennial  
Bridge*  
Erected 2005  
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Dedication Ceremony for the Centennial Park Expansion -  
a Midway Heritage Foundation and Watts Enterprise project  
and Midway City as partners.















## FROM THE FRONT

# *Expansion of Midway's Center*

On Saturday, September 17, the extension to Midway Centennial Park was dedicated and turned over to the City. This new park property located along 1st North between Center Street and First West also has access to Town Square over a footbridge across from the City offices. The park extension was a joint project among Midway City, Midway Heritage Foundation and the developer, Watts Enterprises, and grew out of efforts to assemble land for a new grocery store.

Under arrangements with the City, some park land in the interior of the block was traded for a like amount of land with access to public streets, allowing more convenient access for citizens. The City also received a large picnic pavilion, walks, a water system, over 70 new trees and the footbridge.

The park extension was turned over to Mayor Bill Probst and Colleen Bonner, the member of the City Council over parks, by Jack Zenger, President of Midway Heritage Foundation. They thanked Midway Heritage Foundation and commented on the appearance of the park and the benefits which will come to the City and its citizens.

Randon Wilson, also of

Midway Heritage Foundation, who conducted the dedicatory ceremony, expressed gratitude to the City for its cooperation and to the many donors who made the project successful, as follows: TreadLightly/Hummer Helps!, The George S. & Dolores Dore Eccles Foundation, The Walbridge Fund, Ltd., Midway Boosters, Watts Enterprises, Utah Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands, Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce/Midway Business Alliance, TreeUtah, Jack and Holly Zenger, Robert and Alice Simonsen, Randon and Gayle Wilson, Garth and Joan Rasband, Bank of the West, Zions First National Bank, Smiths Food & Drug Store (Kroger Company Foundation), Wal-Mart Foundation, C. Clayton Comstock Foundation, Home Depot Park City Store, Daniels Summit Lodge LLC, David H. and Ruby R. Olson, Jan and Kerry Henderson, Ron & Suzanne Saltmarsh, Scott and Jennifer Simons, Stone Cutter Construction, Wells Barker Construction, Trent and Tawna Ridd, Heber Valley National Bank, Semnani Foundation, Warren and Susan Dinter, Mr. & Mrs. Britt Mathwich, Spencer Auto Sales, Harmon's Grocery, Bar S, Meadow Gold Dairies,

Days Market.

Mr. Wilson also expressed gratitude to the contractors who assisted in the project, including Watts Enterprises, who provided the concrete work, Harold Remund, who built the pavilion, Carey Cordova, who did the water system and landscaping, Wells Barker Construction, who built the bridge, and Stone Cutter Construction, who did the stone work. Les Corbit did the electrical work and lighting and J.P. Plumbing did the drinking fountain, and two scouts did eagle projects - Jason Kowallis and Steven Kohler.

Mr. Wilson also expressed gratitude to Lauri Neal, who acted as project coordinator on behalf of the Foundation. He also noted that the City was taking the opportunity to upgrade the children's playground equipment.

Several special guests were present and spoke at the ceremony, including Joan Rasband, President of Midway Boosters, Inc., Mary Van Buren of TreadLightly and its "Hummer Helps!" program, Mike Erikson, the Area Forester, and Justina Parsons-Bernstein from TreeUtah.

The cost of the project paid by Midway Heritage Foundation



**Nola Gertsch**

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## **Swiss Days 10K - 2005**

### *Race Information*

**When & Where:** Saturday, September 3th, 7:00AM **Midway LDS Stake Center** (one block East and North of the Swiss Days Site, corner of 200 North and Center Street, Midway, UT)

**Course:** 10K loop course with a slight up-hill for the first 2 ½ miles. The next mile 1 ½ miles are a gradual down hill. You finish with a ½ mile slight up hill and then a flat last 1/m mile. No strollers, rollerblades, bicycles, scooters, etc. allowed on the course.

**Registration:** Register online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com), in person at the Main Street Station in Midway, or by mail to Swiss Days 10K, P.O. Box 983, Midway, Utah 84049 (print out the race registration form at [www.midwayswissdays.com](http://www.midwayswissdays.com). Click on EVENTS, then 10K, then REGISTRATION FORM).

There will be race day registration from 6am to 6:45am. For questions contact the race coordinator, Mark Nelson, [mark@realrunners.com](mailto:mark@realrunners.com) (801) 376-8028.

**Entry fee:** Pre-registration is \$ 16.00 before August 27th and \$ 20.00 thereafter.

**Awards.** T-shirts to all registered participants. Awards will be given five deep in the usual age groups.

**Post Race Goodies:** Drinks and goodies provided after the race. Great free entertainment and lots of other festivities at Swiss Days!

7/21/2005



# SWISS DAYS 2005

## Parade Application

The Midway Swiss Days Parade Committee invites you to participate in our annual Swiss Days Parade on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 AM. Please provide us with the following information.\*

PARADE ENTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

MUSIC INCLUDED: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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We look forward to your participation in the Swiss Days Parade. For further information please contact Jen Kelson at (435) 654-5767 or (801) 836-4777.

Please mail or email your application by August 15, 2005, to:

J. Wade Kelson

## Swiss Days Parade

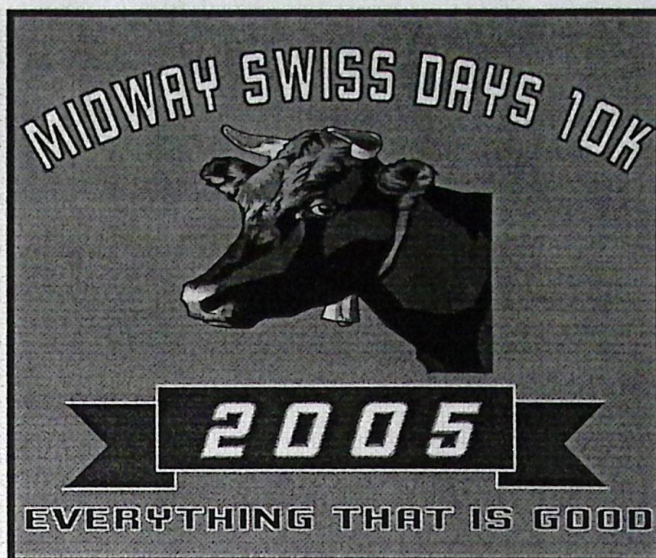
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Midway, UT 84049 or jwkelson@msn.com

**\*IMPORTANT: Please write or email a description of what you would like the announcers to say about your entry i.e., why you're in the parade, family history, company description etc.**

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**September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2005 ■ 7am ■ 200 North & Main St.  
Midway, Utah**

- Beautiful course around Midway
- Great T-shirt
- Awards 5 places deep
- Goodies at the finish line!
- Start and finish at the Midway Stake Center  
(200 North & Main St. - one block East and  
North of the Towne Square)
- \$16 registration until August 27th
- \$20 day-of-race registration

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age on September 3rd \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: M or F      T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_      \$16 by August 27th  
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Make checks payable to: Midway Swiss Days

In consideration of my entry, I waive and release the above race and its sponsors and others directly or indirectly involved in the event from all rights, claims, liabilities, damages, pain and illness suffered by me while participating in the race. I attest and verify that I am physically fit and have trained to participate in the race. I also understand that all registration fees are non refundable.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ (if under 18, signed by parent/guardian)

**Register in person at the Main Street Station in Midway, Runner's Corner in Orem, online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com), or  
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For more information call the race director at (801) 376 8028**



**Joan Rasband**

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Thank you for your gracious invitation to provide the keynote speech at this morning's festivities in your wonderful community. It was a treat to meet you and so many of your neighbors at sunrise. The entire ceremonies were magnificent! I'm most appreciative of the warm welcome from you and all of your neighbors, and please pass along to your neighbors my deep thanks for the standing ovation at the conclusion of my remark. It was, to say the least, most heartwarming and most humbling. Please also thank the many who came up to me afterward and thanked me. It is I who owe all of them a thank you.

As promised, I've attached a written copy of my remarks as you requested. I understand from Randon Wilson that there are others who also requested a copy of the speech. Please feel free to share it with anyone else, or I will happy also to email it to anyone whose email address I receive.

Again, thank you.

My warmest wishes,

Bob Gross

**GOD BLESS AMERICA!**

7/8/2005



# Midway City News

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## Getting BIGGER & hopefully better

By Bob Mathis

People here know that Midway is growing, and that the growth doesn't appear to be tapering off. In fact, others besides those in our own community see it too. Recently we learned that the US Census Bureau identified the greater Heber Valley, Round Valley and Jordanelle Basin as the second fastest growing "micropolitan area" in the United States-second only to a bucolic sounding place named Palm Coast, Florida. This was reported in the Sale Lake Tribune

and the Deseret Morning News September 22, 2005 and in the Wasatch Wave September 28th.

While the Census Bureau classification is worth knowing about, the City staff has been virtually inundated with requests for new homes and new projects in all quarters. All the development applications reach the City Council through the City Planning Commission. So the City Officials probably look at the Census Bureau announcement as a vindication for why they are so busy. But the Census

Bureau announcement only serves to confirm put into context what everybody already knew,

To readjust and guide this growth better the City conducted an Envision Midway project that resulted in a formal growth boundary, new development guidelines for Planned Unit Developments, a new zoning map and some revamping of the City's commercial zoning ordinances. These changes were approved after a 6 month moratorium which ended March 9,

2005.

All these changes was to promote a more walkable community, a village center, pedestrian dominated, mixed use commercial district and to promote better organized larger open spaces with streetscapes that emphasize the rural pastoral nature of Midway in Planned Unit Developments. Time will tell if these measures are effective but the Planning Commission and the City Council are quoting the ordinance and defending the plan at every meeting.

How is it that our little hideaway in the Mountains has become such an attraction? Why are all these changes happening so fast? If this isn't your question it would surprise the City Staff, because one variation or another happens in most conversations at City Hall

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## Mayoral Candidates Speak out

The following are the thoughts and opinions of the mayoral Candidates

### Bill Probst

*Why am I Running for Mayor?*



Growing up in Midway, I developed a deep love and appreciation for Midway and our heritage. A big part of

Midway's heritage is public service and the willingness of it's residents to get involved. We have a great

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### Connie Tatton

*Citizens of Midway:*



I appreciate the opportunity to, express some of my concerns and thoughts regarding the future of Midway. My

foremost reason for running for mayor of Midway is because I truly feel the citizens will bene-

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## Trail Connection

By Trish Murphy

Trails Coordinator, Midway City, Wasatch County and East Summit County

### Why Trails?

You may be feeling inundated with talk of trails throughout the Heber Valley. So what's all the chatter about you might be wondering. Certainly some of the interest has been spurred by the recent opening of the Deer Creek Trail, a section of the Provo-Jordan River Parkway. This 7.5-mile segment between the Deer Creek Dam and Soldier Hollow will soon be connected to the well-known and utilized trail below Vivian Park in Provo Canyon, all with non-motorized users in mind.

If you look at the big picture, there will soon be a trail for cyclists, walkers, runners and in some spots horsemen connected to Utah

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### Ongoing Meetings

**City Council:** 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each Month • 7:30pm • City Office Building  
Briefing Meeting at 6:45pm.

**Planning Commission:** 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month • 7:00pm. City Office Building • Briefing Meeting at 6:30pm

**Board of Adjustments:** As business requires • City Office Building

**Water Advisory Board:** 1st Wednesday of each month. 8:00pm • City Office Building • General Business Session at 7:00pm

**Midway Business Alliance Meeting:** Held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30am. Locations vary. Contact Lisa Christensen: 654-1400.

**Midway Boosters Meetings:** Held the third Thursday of each month at the Town Hall. Contact Gary Lloyd: 657-1146.

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# Growth in Midway Exponential

By Wendy Johnson

Growth in Midway has been exponential since the last newsletter, so I thought I would expound on this subject as it pertains to the Building Safety Department. Bob Mathis wrote about how it is his responsibility to assure that the parameters which were set to guide development in the city are met, and it is my responsibility to assure the buildings are built to the minimum codes in order to assure fire and life safety for the owners, occupants, and public.

Permit applications in the city are already more than twice the number issued in 2004, and we have 2-1/2 months left in the year! All that work requires more time from every employee in the city, as well as good organization to manage the load. They keep telling me we will have a slow time to catch up on all the organizational requirements, but I am becoming more and more skeptical about it actually happening.

We hired a second building inspector, Don Blackburn, in early June, and he has been kept busy from the first day, even working as many as 12 hours many days. As an example of the long days, there were 485 inspections conducted in August alone! We are getting outside help with plan review in an effort to cut the time from a permit's submittal to its issuance, and Don and I are both working overtime in an attempt to meet this heavy workload.

Our second inspector, the overtime, additional code books, a new vehicle, and a new computer software database program are just a few of the expenses incurred to properly manage the workload. But I want to assure you taxpayers that you will not incur a tax increase to help fund the new development and building taking place here in Midway. New permit fees were put in place in late March, so the new development is paying for itself.

Secondly, all building permits for new homes are subject to impact fees. These fees are imposed to pay for the continued additional load, or impact, that development has on the city. There are impact fees for water, sewer infrastructure, parks, fire, garbage collection, streets, and sewer treatment. These impact fees come to over \$11,000.00, which is in addition to the building permit fee. New permits for commercial buildings also are subject to impact fees. A street/sidewalk bond is required in case they are damaged during construction, which will pay for repairs if the applicant fails to properly repair them. This bond is refunded if no repairs are required to be done by the city. Mind you, I can only speak to the fees which are at the issuance of permits. There are also fees assessed throughout the development process to cover those costs.

In closing, I just want to say that I love the small village feeling that Midway emanates, and have an interest in seeing it main-

tained. I also know that everyone would like to be the last one to move to Midway, and have the door locked behind him. But cities are subject to laws, codes, and standards that must be followed, and the last time I looked, there was no door to close, let alone lock. But rest assured that the employees of the city are following the guidelines set up by the planning commission, elected officials, and ultimately you the citizens.

Nothing the city does is secret, and meetings are required to be open to the public, so I feel the degree of satisfaction or discontent of the citizens should be directly proportional to the effort they put forth in guiding the direction we the employees must follow.

**DON'T FORGET TO  
CAST YOUR VOTE  
ON NOV. 8**

## Committee Update

from: Parks Council-member Colleen Bonner

### Centennial:

We'd like to thank the Heritage Foundation for the work they did this summer. The park is nearly complete with a new shelter, sidewalks, trees and a new playground.

### Hamlet:

A work in progress this summer. We were able to complete the grass with an Eagle Scout project. With the help of the Main Street project we were able to add new trees and landscaping. We still need more trees, benches and tables. We should be able to add these things next summer.

### Alpinhof:

This park is located in the Alpinhof development. A joint project with the city and the

developer of the final phase. This project should be well under way this fall.

### Valais:

A 30 plus acre park located just off Burgi Lane is a joint project with the Watts Corporation and Midway City. This project has a trail, tennis courts and basketball courts already in place. Plans for the rest of the park are being worked on now.

### Cemetery:

Not a lot of changes this summer. We would like to put together a committee to help with ideas of things to do to make our cemetery better. If you are interested in helping, please contact Midway City.



# Boosters News

By Joan Rasband  
Midway Booster President

by Joan Rasband

Midway Booster President

The Midway Fourth of July program is constantly growing in popularity evidenced by larger crowds each year. The event has become a favorite celebration for many in and out of our valley. Lyle and Nola Gertsch, along with Gary and Madean Garowski chaired this event this year.

The Fife and Drum Corp marched around the Town Square, the Veterans in attendance were recognized and Robert C. Gross, the guest speaker, addressed the subject of the privilege to vote in Iraq. A moment of silence was shared as we were asked to honor those who have recently given the last full measure of devotion in the War on Terror.

Each year the Boosters select an individual or individuals who have made distinguished contributions to Midway. Wayne and Audry Probst were announced as this year's Honored Citizens. The evening culminated with fireworks from the top of Memorial Hill. Many positive comments have been received saying "the fireworks this year were the best ever." The Boosters, Midway City and Wasatch County wish to thank Steve Nielsen, Richard Nielsen, Doug Murdock, Kirk Livingstone and the many others who assist with the Fourth of July event year after year.

Midway Boosters and the community have come a long way since 1947 when Midway Boosters were founded. The 171 Annual Midway Swiss Days history book refers to that first year and tells us, "With interest among the Midway citizens a need for a civic organization was indicated. A dinner meeting was held and the organization known

as the Midway Booster Club was organized with the first officers being: Reed Kohler, President; Francis Probst, 1st Vice President; William Haueter, 2nd Vice President and Leroy Huffaker, Secretary-Treasurer. It was in this year the first celebration known as the Harvest Festival was held and proved highly successful. In those days the parade was entirely miniature.

Besides the celebration each year, the club did many things to beautify and improve the community. Grassing the town square, building a tennis court, putting in street signs and multiple clean-up projects are some of the things that have been done.

In 1953, under the direction of Scott Whitaker as President with Lethe Tatge, Reed Kohler, and Lona and Austin Kelly the Swiss Days theme was adopted for the annual celebration that had been known before as the Harvest Festival. There was a Swiss Market and Swiss Parade.

As this tradition continued in its 58th year, Swiss Days was a great success. Once again this great community pulled together for another incredible event. The Swiss Days committee, under the direction of Mark Sweat as Chairperson, worked for months in preparation for this event. Meetings and plans had taken place since the beginning of the year. There are those ever faithful people who work year after year to see that we are organized and ready to go.

Saying thanks doesn't seem sufficient for the endless hours of work and dedication on the part of each individual who works so hard to see Swiss Days succeed, but here goes a hearty Thank You.

In this same history referenced above it is written "Progress comes when everyone

pushes in the same direction. Lend a hand. Do more than your share." This is the character of all of you living in Midway.

The theme of the Swiss Days parade for this year was 'Remembering Harvest Days' with Wade and Jennifer Kelson as Chairpersons and Gary and Carol Bonner being the Booster representatives. Thanks to them for a wonderful parade. It was fun seeing more of our local families participating in the parade this year. Karl and Gundalee Dodge were responsible for the Booster Booth and it's success. New items were featured. The ever popular jam, syrup and salsa, as well as a new pin for collectors was sold. Honey was added as well as some pewter items. Chocolates were a popular addition. Performances in the Town Hall were a great success and well attended. If you missed the afternoon performance of our Bell Ringers directed by Britt Wilde or the evening performance of the Swiss Chorus directed by Marilyn Norris, you missed some extraordinary entertainment. For the most part the Town Hall was packed and a standing ovation was given at each performance. This year is the 200th celebration of William Tell. The production was exceptional with Moira Michaels and Bill Gardner directing. They succeeded in giving the play revitalization in honor of this commemoration. The children's Swiss chorus, directed by Jennifer Jackson and Carla Willets, was 'rockin and rollin' and their tribute to those in the armed forces was moving as veterans in the audience stood to their military theme song.

Preparations are being made for Christmas in the Wasatch Mountains December 2nd and 3rd featuring: Creches, Crafts, Cottages and Cruisers. The 7th Annual Interfaith Creche

Exhibit will be the 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th, at 165 North Center Street, Midway; Swiss Christmas in the Historic Midway Town Hall featuring entertainment, food, crafts, gifts, artisans, Father and Mother Christmas, and fun for all ages.

Next to the Town Hall at 135 West Main Street will be Cottages for the Children with proceeds benefitting the Wasatch/Summit Counties Children's Justice Center and the Majestic Cruisers with their 2nd Annual Christmas Lights Parade on Midway's Main Street at dusk on Friday, the 2nd. Come enjoy this Festive event!!

Town Square Christmas decorations will be going up Saturday, November 19th, 9:00 a.m. We welcome any of you who would like to volunteer your help.

The Boosters are continuously engaged in a variety of activities to enhance our great community. Some of the recent contributions include the purchase of risers for productions in the Town Hall and for Swiss Chorus performances, steps for the stage were also purchased, the building of the foot bridge joining the Heritage Park with town square activities and city building, the purchase of more microphones for the Town Hall sound system, building of a cabinet for the sound system, cleaning of the Town Hall, replacement of window boxes on the front of the Town Hall, a scholarship contribution to Wasatch High School and ongoing maintenance and care of the Cannery, with an addition of an air-conditioner. Additionally, the Boosters joined with Midway City purchasing banners for Main Street and in hiring an individual to manage the Town Hall.

Congratulations to Mayor Probst and the city council on the

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# Ice Rink Opens in November



The Midway City Ice Rink will officially open Thanksgiving weekend for another exciting skating

season.

Skating classes, youth hockey development, an adult hockey league, drop-in hockey, and public skating sessions will be offered.

As part of the Swiss Christmas festivities, the Winter Skating Spectacular will feature accomplished skaters from throughout Utah in a entertaining performance on Saturday, December 3rd at 5 p.m.

Admission to the show is FREE.

Ice skating workshops and demonstrations in all disciplines of skating will be part of the Winterfest Celebration in January 2006. Additional information and registration for clinics will be available as the event draws closer.

Wasatch County public and private schools, daycares, and home school associations are encouraged to take advantage of the special rate for daytime school group reservations. Teachers, directors, and principals are encouraged to call to find out more information and to schedule their class outing.

Book the Ice Rink for your private Holiday party, family reunion, or youth group. Group reservations are also being accepted at this time. Reserve the gazebo for a birthday party or small group event.

For more information about the upcoming events and activities, to make a reservation, or to find out the public skating schedule, please call the Midway City Ice Rink at 654-6143.

## Mayor Probst Speaks Out

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history of citizen involvement and volunteerism. For me there is no better way to get involved with public service than to be a part of Midway City Government. I believe my professional experience in the fields of General Contracting and Development are an asset to the city. Through my experience I can recognize undesirable growth elements and identify potential pitfalls that will detract from the quality growth that we need to maintain our lifestyle here in Midway. My experience also enables me to understand water systems, sewer systems, and roads, which are some of the basic core services of the city. I also have the experience of organizing and managing businesses that demand customer service and fiscal responsibility.

### *Proven Leadership and Experience*

During the past four years as Midway City Mayor, I have had the opportunity to serve on the Heber Light and Power Board, Midway Sanitation District Board, Heber Valley Special Service District Board, Midway Water Advisory Board, Wasatch County Fire District Board, Wasatch County Boundary Commission, and the Mountainland Association of Governments. I served as Vice Chairman of Heber Light and Power and Chairman of the other boards. My knowledge and experience on these boards has served Midway City and will continue to

do so if I am reelected.

### *What We Have Accomplished:*

I am proud to be a part of this City Council and all that we have accomplished.

First of all, and most important, we created an atmosphere of teamwork and cooperation among the City Council, City Employees, and Midway Citizens. That is the key to our success.

Some of our accomplishments over the past four years;

- Acquired \$300,000 in CBDG Grants to replace water lines
- Acquired \$2,000,000 in Federal and UDOT Grants for Main Street Project
- Complete update of Midway City Master Plan
- Rewrite of Midway City Zoning Ordinances
- Major Improvements to the Midway City Parks
- Completed the outdoor Ice Skating facility
- Purchased five acres for Midway Cemetery expansion
- Established maintenance plans for our roads, water and sewer systems
- Doubled the city's Reserve Fund while still completing major projects
- Beautification and Redevelopment of Main Street to attract new businesses and strengthen our much-needed tax base

### *What We Still Need to Do:*

We have accomplished a lot but with your help and the continuance of our team we can accomplish more.

- Continue to support our local businesses and foster an environment for enhancing our commercial tax base
- Continue to monitor development activities in and around Midway City to minimize the effects on Midway citizens
- Manage growth to the best of our abilities
- Continue working on ways to maintain open space within the city
- Continue to work on strengthening our Ridgeline and Sensitive Land Ordinances to protect our views, natural waterways, and unique geological features which define and support our rural lifestyle and quality of life
- Continue working on the Midway Trail System throughout the city
- Extend the Main Street Beautification Project to River Road
- Continue to work on plans that keep City services in line with the needs of the citizens

### *Thank You*

Thank you to the citizens of Midway for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your mayor for the past four years. It has been a very rewarding experience working as a team with the City Council, employees, professional staff, and citizens to accomplish our successes. Good things are happening in Midway and I am excited to be a part of it.

Midway is the best place in the world to live. If reelected I will work hard to keep it that way. I ask for your support for another four years as your mayor.

## Boosters

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tremendous undertaking of the Main Street beautification project. Our hats go off to you on the project's completion. The result is beautiful and will be enjoyed by our residents and by those visiting Midway for generations to come.

The Booster Board expresses

gratitude to each citizen of Midway for the enormous amount of service you give and the pride you take in making this valley an exceptional place to live. We appreciate the input from those of you who have given it and welcome your suggestions any time.

*NOTE: The Boosters are in search of the history books 1-5. If you have any idea where we could locate them please notify Nola Gerstch or Joan Rasband.*

**DON'T FORGET TO  
CAST YOUR VOTE  
ON NOV. 8**



# Tatton as a Candidate

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fit by having a choice of candidates. I am fair minded, willing to listen, appreciate opposing views, and have strong leadership abilities, I have much to offer, I have no hidden agenda and nothing to gain from office. I feel I have the background, time and dedication to make a good mayor and will bring a new perspective to the office I desire Midway to be a better place to live by building on the hard work and visions of those who settled the area.

As I have spent time with you, you have, reinforced my own thoughts about maintaining our rural atmosphere. We love Midway for what it is, a rural community. But the reality is more people want to come here. Growth cannot be Mapped and should not be stopped, but controlled yes.

There is a negative fiscal impact on the city with more homes being built. The demand on services is not met by the taxes generated. There is a greater demand on schools, roads, water, snow removal, gas lines, telephone, services, etc. We need to carefully consider requested developments and annexation and the fiscal impact of more residential growth. The city needs to require a fiscal analysis report for each new development and annexation request.

In order to maintain the rural atmosphere I believe a real balancing act takes place between property rights and the desires of the community. There is no easy

solution, but I believe by bringing the parties together and working together on density and zoning laws we can come to some partial solutions. In the last four years three developers came back to the planning commission and city council requesting plat changes on various phases of their developments requesting lower density. Even developers recognize that high density does not sell in Midway.

We need to encourage more restaurants, art galleries, and antiques stores to open and established business to flourish. We need to find more ways to encourage economic development, whether that is by establishing community parking lots, seeking out investors, searching for grants, or granting tax incentives. I believe a rural atmosphere can promote economic development if managed correctly.

I have been listening carefully to the Midway Business Alliance, who have just completed a six month strategic planning process. I feel we need to solicit businesses to enter our market, work with shop space owners on

behalf of new businesses, contact Swiss Days vendors and locals and invite them to develop a consignment store much like the Quilted Bear. I am willing to throw the weight of the office of mayor behind economic development.

It is important to work with the Chamber of Commerce and the Wasatch Tourism Council. I would solicit Transient Room and Restaurant Tax (TRRT) monies to help beautify and promote Midway

I am also very interested in coordinating efforts with the Midway Business Alliance and the Boosters. We all have good objectives and ideas but need to create correlation, compatibility and synergism between the entities. I feel it is important to have a city web site with links to the Midway Business Alliance and Boosters to inform people of city happenings and services available.

Another issue I feel strongly about is having the city representatives treat people with respect and courtesy. The city should be service oriented and even if the answer is "no" people should be given appropriate reasoning and answers, but always

treated with respect and courtesy. The city has an obligation to listen to the citizenry's concerns and address issues quickly if legally, fiscally and humanly possible.

There is one other issue that I would like to address openly and that is the fact that my husband Rick is currently serving on the, city council. Rick was duly elected two years ago. We have checked with the city attorney to determine if there were any legal problems with both of us serving. The answer was no. There are no legal issues involved. Some still feel uncomfortable with the possibility. Some have even suggested that Rick should resign if I am elected. I would feel very uncomfortable in asking him to do so since he was duly elected to serve. greater Some feel there is \$611 a conflict of interest. Some also have suggested there is a conflict of interest with the current mayor's development activities. The voters will have to decide which perceived conflict of interest is greater and vote for the best pawn.

I would appreciate your vote on November 81, Let's get at it and make Midway an even greater place to live.

## Trail Connections

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County which will soon be connected to the Jordan River Parkway which connects to the Great Salt Lake, which will connect to North Salt Lake and on and on and on. A bit closer to home there are plans for the Midway Trail System to connect to the County trail system that will connect to the Jordanelle, that is really close to tying in to the Rail Trail providing access to the 300+ miles of Park City area trail system. There is more, but before I lose my readers it's worth answering the question of Why?

Non-motorized trails serve a tremendous role in healthy communities. Sidewalks are nice but lack many necessities for pedestrians/cyclists/horsemen. I shouldn't have to address the horse user conflicts, and cyclists just plain go to fast for the design of sidewalks. Pedestrians benefit most but still have to contend with driveways every 20-30 feet. Sidewalks are typically too narrow to walk side-by-side with someone, let alone two baby joggers and also have limited points of connection. They're also built in sections and for someone using a walker this adds just one

more challenge.

Then there are streets. Many streets around Midway are signed for 35 mph or less. Does it feel like drivers are going the speed limit when they pass you walking on the roads edge? Do you think they always see you? Does the constant drone of traffic become cumbersome? Is there always room for you and your young child on a bicycle? Lets face it — roads are typically designed for automobiles, and if pedestrians are included, it's usually an after thought.

Trails solve many of these problems. They really are linear parks. But don't sell them short as purely recreational. Trails can also be vital transportation links. Most kids don't drive until they are 16ish, so is it transportation or recreation every time mom and dad hop in the car to provide chauffeur services to a baseball game, dance lessons, after school functions, etc?

Safety, health and planning are the topics I will save until next time. So for now Happy Trails!



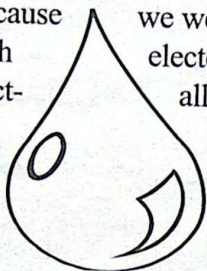


## Report from the Water Department

This summer has seen a much improved water situation for the whole valley. We have had adequate water for all our needs both agricultural and culinary and that has been a welcome change from the past few years. We can only hope for another good winter and moist spring.

We had several water projects planned for this summer but because of the disruption of the City with the Main Street changes we elected to postpone them until next spring. We will be completing the 1st North CDBG water line as soon as weather allows in the spring and our troublesome line on 2nd West at the same time.

Prices for supplies and equipment have greatly increased and we will evaluate the water budget at mid-year but it appears that we should be able to complete some other water improvements next year. This spring we contemplated bonding for badly needed repairs and replacements in the traditional parts of Midway.



Many of these lines are small, superficial, prone to freezing and worn out. In the process of the application, rising interest rates, increased costs of acquiring the loan and our ability to pay made in apparent that we could not afford enough funds to complete the job and it would put us in a long term debt that was not worth the result. Although we were approved for the bonds, we elected not to accept that debt. It did allow us to set good priorities on repairs for the future and we will do that out of our current budget.

We were able to replace one of our main water lines along with the Main Street Project. In fact it was probably the main cause of misery as they found a jungle of old lines, valves and other things buried underneath the street. We will continue to try and coordinate water service repairs with road repairs so we can keep torn up roads to a minimum. We do appreciate everyone's patience during these times.

## Bigger and Better

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and on the street. The staff never dares say they have the answer, but here is one idea that you might want to consider.

Heber Valley is less than 45 minutes from either Provo or Salt Lake. Park City is less than 20 minutes away, if the traffic is not backed up on either end of their town. All three of these places are competing hard to attract businesses and entertainment venues. All three of them are reasonably successful. It is no surprise therefore that any where within shouting distance of these three areas will come to the attention of people who are considering those three leaders for their homes, businesses or investments. Tooele valley has already absorbed and continues to absorb enormous growth. It is virtually one metropolitan area between Nephi and Lehi and with the development of Traverse Ridge it is now possible to drive on residential streets from Spanish Fork to Harrisville north of Ogden.

Then to cap it off, Park City and Snyderville have found willing buyers from the rich and famous to buy out their current residents, many of whom are considering our area to be a reasonable alternative.

For these reasons and others it appears our location has a great deal to do with the willingness of financiers to lend money to facilitate growth here. We are quite literally riding the crests of waves that have been churned up by the giants around us. It isn't just that Midway is a nice place to live, it is that Midway is in the middle of a much bigger population explosion that spills over the mountains right to our doorsteps like never before.

Can we handle it? Are we ready? Those are questions that our current leaders and those that preceded them have always asked.

We have our standards. We are meeting the challenges thrown at our feet. So, "Yes, we can." The community is not at the mercy of every whim of fashion that developers want

## Road Department News

by Don Huggard

Road Department

We have kept the public works crew, which consist of only three employees, busy with patching pot holes, putting gravel on the shoulder of several roads and cutting and trimming trees and bushes that are blocking the site zone at intersections and stop signs. We would appreciate citizens being careful where they choose to plant trees and bushes in areas that block the view in the site zone. Keep in mind that nothing higher than four feet can be in the site zone, which is within a 45 foot triangle on every corner. The public work crew are still working on cutting trees and bushes. If you have anything planted in the site zone please try to trim them yourselves if you can. The public work crew is busy with other departments of the city and are limited on man power to get all the city needs done. The safety of our citizens and others is an important issue we always need to address.

The City Council know that many of our roads are in need of repair. To mention a few: 700 East, 200 East, 400 South to 500 South, and Center Street to Burgi Lane need the asphalt replaced. The cost of fixing the roads keep going up

and the city has limited funds. We had plans to fix a portion of Center Street this year, along with replacing the water and sewer lines. We put this project up for bid and was disappointed that no contractors bid on the job. We were, however, able to get Granite Construction to bid on Farm Road, Magpie Circle, Harvest Circle and Clover Circle. These roads will be repaired with three inches of new asphalt. Next year we will try again to get a bid on Center Street from 600 North to Burgi Lane. If we can't get them to bid this job with new asphalt, water and sewer lines we will try to get them to bid on just to have the asphalt replaced.

As winter approaches, I need to remind our citizens that during snow storms, it is important to keep your vehicles off of the roads so that it helps the snow plows drivers to be able to remove the snow safely and efficiently.

Don Young, our Public Works Director, retired September 30th. I want to express my appreciation for all that he has done for Midway City the past eleven years. I want to wish him the best and hope he thinks of us when it snows here and he is enjoying the warmer weather this winter in St. George.

to try. In addition to that the City adopted procedures that involve neighbors, adjacent property owners and developers at meetings where development is being considered. It has been interesting to see how things change after those notices go out and the meetings are held.

In addition to that, the City developed a Sensitive Lands Ordinance a few years ago that helps place important natural features beyond the reach of bulldozers and paving machines. All of these things were developed between during, and prior to, the 2000-2003 period when the Census Bureau measured Midway named it as part of their second fastest growing micropolitan area. We are now are riding on the backs of those good people in our community who stepped up and shaped a vision for our

community as best they could see it and made the changes that we are using to regulate our growth now.

Since we have some good tools to work with to regulate the quality and impact of our growth, perhaps now is the time to look forward again and decide what our City needs next. What should we do to manage the challenges that will before us in 2010? While you may not have the answer to that question right now, you should take heart because under current policies there is more room for you to participate in City decisions and speak for the long view, than ever before. There are many opportunities for you to give guidance and thought to current decisions. Come ahead work with the Mayor and the Council so we become what we want to become, not what random events shape us to be.



# The History of Midway Boosters Club

*The First Year: 1947*

**By Jerry Springer**

In the fall of 1858 a wagon road was completed through beautiful Provo Canyon. The following spring (1859) Mormon settlers entered Heber Valley. Several of those families established homesteads on the west side of the Provo River in an area to later be known as Midway. Most were of British descent, however, within a year or so a number of Swiss families will locate there as well. During the following several decades, others, both Swiss and non-Swiss, will find their way to our community.

Farming, livestock raising, mining industry related occupations and some retail businesses became the principle source of income for most Midway families.

At the time, long hours and hard work was the rule. However, there were social events and limited recreation activities from time to time. In fact, the 1880's saw the beginnings of commercial recreation in Midway, including the development of swimming, dining, and dancing; the two most important resorts were Schneitter's and Luke's "Hot Pots". Both resorts will have an influence and historical connection to the organization of the Midway Boosters Club and some of their activities including the Midway Harvest Festival (aka Midway Days) and the Midway Swiss Days.

Commercial recreation in the Heber Valley area became an important economic concept to consider about the time construction of present Deer Creek Reservoir was being discussed in the 1930's. Several local businessmen (and some non local individuals) could see the potential of tourism in Heber Valley.

In early 1947, John and Alda Luke, owners of Luke's Hot Pots (today known as the Mountain Spa), sold their resort to Joe and Pauline Erwin, who were at the time living in California where they

both had been very active in civic, entertainment, and recreational circles. Pauline was born in Midway and had family there, she was the oldest daughter of J.R. and Lydia Springer. The two had visited the area often during the 1930's and 40's and recognized the commercial possibilities. Also, 1947 saw a considerable interest by numerous Midway residents in organizing a civic association. In late spring of that year, through the enthusiasm of a large number of Midway citizens and the promotion and support of the Erwins, the "Midway Boosters Club" was organized. The evening the club was organized, a dinner was served in the Luke's Hot Pots dining hall with nearly one hundred adult town members attending. An election was held for officers of the new association.

Elected were Reed Kohler as president, Francis Probst, first vice president, William Haueter, second vice president, and LeRoy Huffaker, secretary-treasurer.

Thirteen other Boosters Club members were elected or appointed to serve over selected committees or functions. Joe and Pauline accepted the responsibility as association sponsors allowing the Boosters to use their resort facilities as a meeting place for business and other activities; later, Schneitter's Hot Pots (now the Homestead) would alternate monthly with Lukes for such meetings.

Civic projects such as tree planting within the city including on the Midway Cemetery grounds, a community "cleanup", and putting together an evening "Swiss" musical program for the general public were initiated. An August Boosters Club dance and quilt raffle proved to be a very good revenue raiser netting the organization well over one hundred dollars—the money would go a long ways toward costs such as grass seed and other materials needed for various service projects. The most energetic undertaking, however, was the Boosters Club's plan to hold a "fall

harvest festival" some time in September. It was to be an annual affair, hopefully. Support for such an activity was strong and soon planning for the festival was underway. During the first week of June a large crowd attended a Boosters Club business meeting and dinner at Luke's. During the course of the evening it was decided to hold the planned festival on September 13th and 14th. Rulon Huntington had been appointed earlier to chair the committee. Interest ran high in supporting of such an activity due to the fact there had not been a community wide celebration in recent years because of World War II.

For the next three months the Boosters Club was very busy, besides projects in which they were already involved, the group now had to put together a major all day program by the 13th of September. The 14th, a Sunday, would involve mostly those from out of town visiting family and friends. Also, most business in Heber Valley was contacted for their support; those business would be "advertised" as contributors to the success of the festival.

Over four dozen men and women business owners responded. Businesses in Midway including Guy Coleman's Store, the Rio Theater, and Jack Derry's Sporting Goods among others were contributors; over 40 businesses came from the Heber area including Wasatch Billiards, operated by Axel Holm and the O.P. Skaggs Store owned by Cliff Frisby. The Wave Publishing Company also was a sponsor as well as printing numerous articles, schedules and posters advertising the event.

By the first week of September most of the organizing, planning, and assignments had nearly been completed. There were some hitches that would be ironed out or at least could be lived with. The biggest problem came about a week prior to the festival. It dealt with the Saturday evening musical program. A west-

ern band, which had been scheduled several weeks prior, called and told the Boosters Club they were performing at Duchesne the evening of September 13th and would not be coming to Midway after all.

This critical issue was quickly taken to the Erwins for suggestions and help. Joe had been an agent for several groups while in California and had kept in touch with most of them. Within two days Joe had contacted Eugene Jackson, his brother Freddie and Virgil Johnson, entertainers (better known as the Jackson Trio) at the Florentine Gardens in Hollywood, about the Booster's situation. The group agreed to drive to Utah and help out; the cost to the Boosters would be nominal—they needed a little vacation time. Staying at Luke's Hot Pots sounded appealing to them and could be a fun and restful time.

The first Harvest Festival went very well. It began Saturday morning at 6:00 AM with the new Midway Marital Band serenading the town and ending with the Harvest Ball at midnight. In between were numerous activities ranging from a youth parade to an art and flower exhibit and from a free barbecue and music to a historic tour of Midway arranged by the Hawthorne Camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

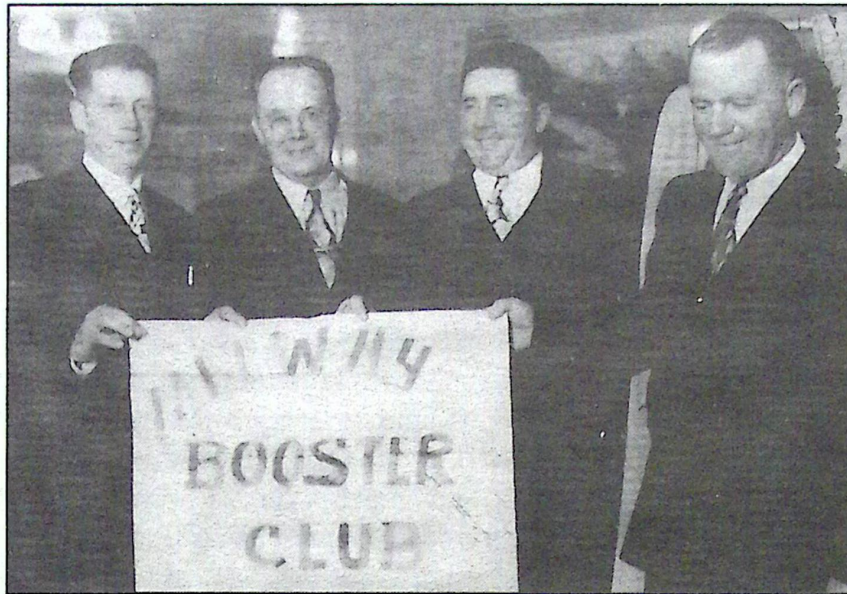
The 7:30 Town Hall Saturday evening program was entitled "Old Timers Live Again" the well received musical was made up of local Midway talent. According to the Wasatch Wave (9-19-47), the highlight of the evening, however, was the performance the Jackson Trio during the Harvest Ball to over one thousand people. This was the largest crowd ever to attend a social event in the new Midway Town Hall. The evening entertainment proved to be a great fund raiser; admission charge had been \$1.00 with a 25 cents fee for "extra ladies". Net receipts received would be very



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helpful in meeting costs of future planned Boosters service projects in the community. The Boosters Club continued to keep very busy. In early October nearly one hundred fifty individuals attended a club banquet (again at Luke's Hot Pots) in which the guest speaker was Utah governor Herbert B. Maw. The topic was Utah's natural resources and the importance of recreation and tourism in our state. The association's first year ended with many worth while accomplishments and on a very positive note. For the next five years the Midway Boosters Club will hold an annual harvest festival as well as being involved in many fund raising events and community service activities. In 1953, the Boosters Club initiated a theme to reflect the community's Swiss heritage. This, of course, became Midway Swiss Days. Music, a parade, food, arts and crafts, the evening musical program, and dance continue to be major aspects of the yearly fall affair—a wonderful and inspiring experience that now takes hundreds of volunteers and thousands of man/women hours to create.



We're Boosters of Midway & All of Wasatch County  
**Heber Merc. Co.**

**Wave Publishing Co.**  
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## Midway HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday & Sunday  
September 13th - 14th

Visit Midway "Home Of The Famous Hot Pots" At It's Peak Of Beauty

### PROGRAM

Time	Event	Place
September 13 -		
6:30 a.m.	Marshall Band	Serenade Town
9:00 a.m.	Trap Shoot	Wilson Field
10:00 a.m.	Tour of Scenic Midway	Meet At Town Hall
11:00 a.m.	Swim	Schneitter's-Luke's
12:00 noon	Free Barbecue	Town Square
1:30 p.m.	Children's Sports	Square
2:30 p.m.	Free Ball Game	Square
4:00 p.m.	Large Miniature Parade	Main St.
5:30 p.m.	Band Concert	Town Hall
7:30 p.m.	Festival Hour Program	Town Hall
9:00 p.m.	Harvest Ball	Town Hall
September 14 -		
	Visit Friends In And Around Midway	

Congratulations to Midway & Their Active Boosters Club

**Ashton's**

**Pilica Peak Garage**  
TUNE-UPS & REPAIRS

**Midway Service Station**  
OIL & GREASE

**Heber Motor Co.**  
CHEVROLET SALES & SERVICE

**Walatch Cleaners**  
DRY CLEANING

**Rio Theatre**

**Luke's Hot Pots**

**Johnson Garage**  
OIL & GREASE

**Schneitter's Hot Pots**

**Anderson's**  
HARDWARE & ELECTRICAL

**Heber Exchange**  
GENERAL MERCHANDISE

15 to 26 N. Main Phone 204-205-206

Tickets Delivered for Swiss Program 7/10/54

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Joe Evin	10 16	Bill Hunter	10 7.50
Francis Probst	10 7.50	Ray Kautzman	10 7.50
Albert Kohler	10 7.50	Edwin Kautzman	10 7.50
Reed Kohler	10 7.50	Clifford Kautzman	10 7.50
Sid Eggen	10 7.50	Don Kautzman	10 7.50
John Rice	10 7.50	Carl Kautzman	10 7.50
Francis Sage	10 7.50	Edwin Kautzman	10 7.50
Alvin Kohler	10 7.50	Ray Kautzman	10 7.50
Carl Houder	10 7.50	Edwin Kautzman	10 7.50
Spud Hickel	10 7.50	Ray Kautzman	10 7.50
Alvin Kautzman	10 7.50	Edwin Kautzman	10 7.50
Wendell Cluff	10 7.50	Ray Kautzman	10 7.50
William Huffaker	10 7.50	Edwin Kautzman	10 7.50
Joe Ferguson	10 7.50	Ray Kautzman	10 7.50
Joe Probst	10 7.50	Edwin Kautzman	10 7.50
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Allen Probst	10 7.50	Ray Kautzman	10 7.50
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Above left: The Midway Boosters Club's first officers - (l to r) LeRoy Huffaker, William Haueter, Francis Probst and Reed Kohler. Left: The first Midway Harvest Festival program schedule and Heber Valley supporters. Above: A ticket sales record from some of the early Midway Boosters Club members and family.

## DON'T FORGET TO GET OUT AND VOTE!

TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 8, 2005

AT THE MIDWAY TOWN HALL

7 A.M. - 8 P.M.

# Vote



Connie Tatton

Midway's

1st

Woman

Mayor



# Midway City Elects First Woman Mayor

BY ROBIN JOHNSON

Midway Staff Writer

Early returns last Tuesday, Nov. 8, showed Midway City's incumbent Mayor Bill Probst in the lead, 178 to 116. However, when Wasatch County's final totals came in, the vote turned in favor of Connie Tatton, 441 to 333, making Tatton the first woman elected Mayor in Midway City.

Tatton said, "Being raised in Salinas, Ca, I never thought I'd grow up to be mayor of Midway, or mayor anywhere."

Tatton campaigned the old fashioned way, knocking on every door in Midway City. She

met many of Midway's new people this way, and when nobody was home she left flyers at the door. Follow up visits were made to many homes by volunteers in her campaign.

If you had asked Connie six months ago if she ever saw herself running for Mayor she would have said, "No." For years her husband, Rick, currently serving on the city council, encouraged her to run.

"I've always thought she'd make a good mayor," Rick said. "I knew if anyone could do a good job it would be her."

Tatton's response to her husband's encouragement was always the same, "I always told



him no because I didn't want people sitting around their kitchen tables talking about me." After a pause she added, "Well, I've gotten over it, I guess. It's only my love for Midway that prompted me to apply for Mayor and overcome all the reservations I had about public office."

Coming to know and love Midway was a gradual process for Tatton that started on the Pacific Coast and slowly drew her from warm weather, clamming and frog digging to cold, snowy winters, hot pots and warm springs.

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# Tatton First Female Mayor of Midway City

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As a child growing up on the central coast, near Monterey Bay, "the most beautiful part of California," Tatton said, she remembers going clamming on the beach with her Dad and frog digging on the lake on a warm, moonless night.

"It had to be a moonless night," Tatton said, "because we'd take flashlights and shine them in the frog's eyes and freeze them, then we'd gig them." They'd poke them with a fork-like tool used for catching frogs.

Christmas in California was "spraying fake snow on the windows" and "going out in our shorts and having a Bar-be-que on Christmas Day."

Midway slowly pulled this California girl farther away from home. Attending Junior College in California she became good friends with some of Rick's cousins who told her about Midway, the place their people came from.

After Jr. College she attended BYU where she majored in Physical Education and minored in Health. One of Rick's cousins attended her graduation and invited her to dinner. The dinner was held in Ruby Boss and June Tatton's home, Rick's grandmother and mother. After dinner Rick hit a few baseballs on Town Square across the street, just for Connie.

Following college Connie accepted a job in Moroni, Utah as a P. E. teacher. For two years she and Rick had a long distance courtship, then they married. They lived in Moroni for another two years, then moved to Duchesne for six months. Their last move was to their current home in Midway.

While waiting for an opening to teach P. E. in rural Wasatch County Rick and Connie began their family. Connie has been mother to three children, J. R., Erin and Wesley. Connie also began volunteering. "By the time an opening came up I

was involved in the community and I wasn't interested in going back to teaching," she said.

Tatton came to love Midway by becoming involved in the community, serving on the PTA, the Boosters and at Swiss Days, this helped her get to know the people.

"There's a special feeling here and I think most people recognize that," Tatton said. "There is a peacefulness here. It's a place where you can volunteer, make a difference and help improve the community. People

want to make that contribution because they want to maintain the peace and cohesiveness they find here. It's the individual things we do, the daily kindnesses that add up, from ladies picking up litter on their morning walk to helping in the school reading program, from sharing something out of a vegetable garden to working in the hamburger booth at Swiss Days."

Tatton's volunteer work for the Board of Health on the local, state and national levels has been extensive, culminating in her serving as president of the National Board of Health in 2004. In 2003 she was president elect, but she served

most of that year as acting president due health problems of the president's spouse.

Serving as the national board of health president for nearly two years, Tatton said, is the one thing she has done that has most prepared her to take on the challenge of serving as mayor. "I know I have a lot to learn," she said, "and I'm willing. I want to thank everyone who supported and helped me."

Tatton will be seeking input on zoning and planning issues and hopes citizens can find time to volunteer. "We want Midway to be what you want it to be," she said. "I've got a lot to learn. The council, planning commission and staff will be the teacher and I will be the student. I look forward to working with all of you."

## Midway City Mayors

Alvah J. Alexander	1891 -1898
James B. Wilson	1898 - 1916
John A. Fortie	1904 - 1908
Attewell Wotten	1908 - 1912
John Carroll	1912 - 1916
Wilford Van Wagoner	1916 - 1919
John Carroll	1919 - 1928
Samuel Hair	1928 - 1932
August Kohler	1932 - 1934
Joseph Probst	1934 - 1938
William Hauter	1938 - 1950
Francis Probst	1950 - 1952
Earl J. Kohler	1952 - 1966
Alvin Kohler	1966 - 1969
Wilburn Huffaker	1970 - 1977
Eugene K. Probst	1978 - 1989
Reed H. Bezzant	1990 - 1993
Stevan H. Ridge	1994 - 1997
Eugene H. Owens	1998 - 2001
Bill T. Probst	2002 - 2005

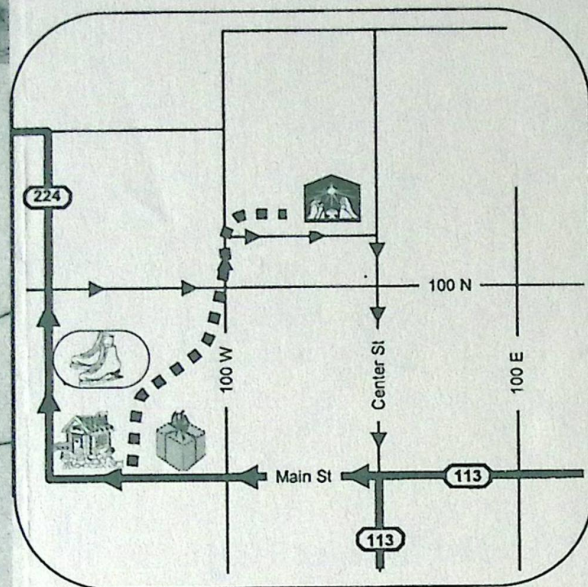
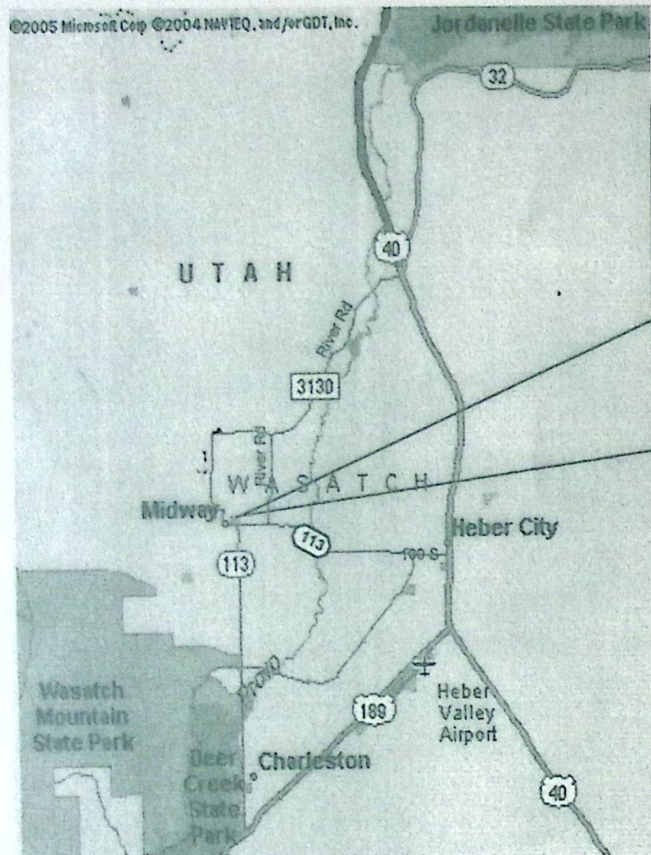


Swiss

Christmas

2005





**Legend:**

- • • • • Christmas Lane (walking path)
- ➔ Cruisers Light Parade route
- Creche
- Gingerbread Houses
- Swiss Christmas Ice Rink

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*Come  
 Celebrate  
 Christmas  
 in the  
 Wasatch  
 Mountains*



*Join the annual  
 celebrations of  
 Crafts, Creches &  
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## 7th Annual Interfaith Creche Exhibit

165 North Center Street  
Midway, UT

**Friday through Monday**  
**Dec. 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th**  
11 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily

*A Stable Beginning*



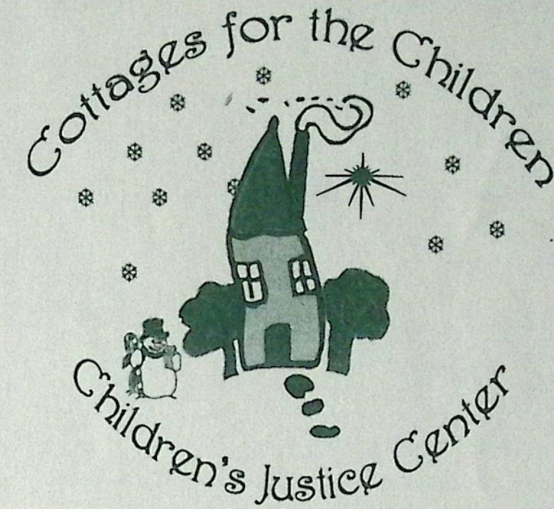
- 750 Nativities on display
- Creche History
- 100's of Children's art
- Musical Performances
- 85 countries represented
- 800 piece Fontanini Bethlehem Scene
- Children's Activity Room
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## Swiss Christmas



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For More Information Call  
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All proceeds benefit the  
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**Dec. 2nd & 3rd**  
**Friday - 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.**  
**Saturday - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.**  
**135 W. Main St. • Midway**

Face Painting • Kid's Korner  
Gingerbread cookie decorating  
For More Information Call 654-1471

## MAJESTIC CRUISERS *Red and Custom*

presents the

**2nd Annual Christmas  
Lights Parade**



beginning at

**Dusk - Midway's Main  
Street**  
**Friday Dec. 2nd**  
Light up your cars, trailers,  
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**Businesses are encouraged  
to participate!**

For more information call  
435-671-2344 or  
435-503-0287

Admission to all four events is FREE. Activities abound on the grounds between venues. Midway Ice Rink opens Friday at 6 p.m. Small admission fee is required.







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## Creche Exhibit Grows to More than 800 Entries



This group of children pose as a live Creche exhibit in Midway last weekend.

BY ROBIN JOHNSON  
Midway Staff Writer

From simple and plain to elaborate and elegant, Midway's annual Interfaith Creche Exhibit drew visitors from every county in Utah and a few from six other western states. Exhibitors travel from locations across the Wasatch Front, from Riverton to Ogden, to add their creches to this distinguished display.

Holly Zenger, an avid collector of creches from around the world, began sharing her collection with others when she lived in California. After moving to Utah she wanted to continue the tradition and originally set up the display in her Interlaken home. As other collectors joined their collections with hers and the attraction drew larger numbers the exhibit was moved to the Midway Stake Center.

Individuals, families and church groups from the area join their efforts to make the Interfaith Creche Exhibit successful. Zenger said Sherry Roser of St .Lawrence Catholic Church in Heber City comes and sets up the congregation's creche every year and the Madonna

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## CHRISTMAS IN THE WASATCH MOUNTAINS

# Christmas in the Wasatch Mountains Sees Record Numbers



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room. Mountain Life church sent 16 hostesses this year and promised they would send more next year.

"Their feeling about the creche is people who haven't come just don't know what it is," Zenger said. "It has truly become a coming together of churches and that's exactly what we want."

direct descendant of Joseph Smith. Her collection includes a large olive wood creche, a simple Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus scene from New Zealand and several framed pieces.

Becky Anderson recently moved to Midway. Anderson said as she and her husband travel, he is very patient with her as she adds a prime location for creche hunting to their itinerary. Anderson started

Italy," Anderson said. "He restores the woodwork on cathedral statues throughout South America."

Mantelvo's work is very Italian, Anderson said, because of his years studying in Italy. She purchased a piece Mantelvo carved for an auction to raise money to restore a Peruvian cathedral.

"I bought the only one he carved for the auction," Anderson said. "Mary, when I took her out of the package, her face was so beautiful I started to cry."

Anderson said her love of creche artwork began "where it all started." She was raised in Europe and grew up surrounded by the beautiful European artworks. She has been fascinated with creches all her life.

Two other exhibitors entered 70 creches each. One was Linda Faff, Riverton, and the other was the creche's original organizer, Holly Zenger.

"As the event grows I bring down less of my personal collection every year," Zenger said. "This year we have 800 plus creches and 125 exhibitors."

A visitor book is kept near the front door. "People from the valley usually don't sign it," Zenger said. "but those from Salt Lake and Provo and other areas do. One lady, from Seattle, Washington

wrote - finally, an event without a Santa Claus."

Each year in the children's room activities are put together for children to participate in. They can dress up and have their picture taken in their own living creche. The pictures are free. They can also make a creche ornament to take home.

Last year's ornament was a manger with the baby Jesus and the star above his head, glued to a chenille red and white candy cane. Zenger said Wasatch County's women prisoners volunteered their time to put together hundreds of ornaments, the baby Jesus and the manger. Young visitors to the children's room then glued the star and the manger to the chenille.

Near the children's room a display of creches made by children was set up. "This is the area I would like to expand," Zenger said. There were wooden and ceramic creches painted by children in the display. One that stood out was a creche in a box, the figures colored and cut from paper. A simple sign said it was made as a mother's day gift by Madison Anderson, Age 9, for her mother, Becky, a devoted collector of creches.

Many more stories could be told. Visitors are treated to some of



the stories by the hosts and hostesses as they move through the exhibit. In the background another art form fills the air. Local musicians, from singers to bell ringers, perform Christmas music that highlights the creche.

A visit to the Interfaith Creche Exhibit is a celebration of the art that reminds visitors of the roots and meaning of the Christmas holiday.



Every exhibitor and every creche has its own unique story. Some exhibitors enter large numbers of their personal collections, others enter only one. Following are a few of the stories behind the creche exhibit.

Doris Cadman of Ogden drives many miles to add 100 creches to the annual event. Cadman, a creche collector for many years, is a member of the Community of Christ Church, formerly the Reorganized LDS church and is a

collecting twenty years ago, a little at a time as finances allowed. In the last five years her collecting zeal has picked up in pace.

Anderson entered 85 creches to this year's exhibit. A large Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus in the manger cut by chain saw was one of her more unique entries. Another was created by Peru's premiere wood carver, Herman Mantelvo.

"He studied for seven years in



Wave photos by Robin Johnson and Laurie Wynn

## Come, Children Come!



Celebrate the holidays at a cozy party where kids, ages 1-12, can participate in lots of fun activities, including a reading from classic Christmas Stories. Come in your pajamas and bring a wrapped book to exchange that's in good condition.

Date: December 23rd  
Time: 11:00-12:30  
Where: Wasatch County Library





# *A Swiss Chorus Christmas Concert - A Gift to the Community*

Christmas music fans, mark your calendars for Saturday, Dec. 9 or Sunday, Dec. 10, at 7:00 p.m.

Charlene Johnson, public relations representative, said, "The annual Midway Christmas Chorus Concert in the Midway Town Hall is a musical gift to Heber Valley from the Midway Boosters."

According to Johnson the concert promises to deliver the spirit of Christmas in style.

Joining the Swiss Chorus to present their own seasonal music are two return guest artists, The Swiss Belles, formerly The Swiss Bell Choir, and River Meadows Dance Company.

A local women's choir, The Choralettes, will make a short appearance. Riverwood Singers, a new musical group, will make a special guest appearance.

Johnson said Sue Walldrip is this year's program director coordinating the entire effort.

Each group made performance selections from among some of the most beloved Christmas music.

The Swiss Chorus prepared "Baby, What You Goin' to Be?", Randall Thompson's "Alleluia" and Fred Waring's "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

"While the choir is singing Fred Waring's number, the whole magical Visit from St. Nicholas is reenacted on the stage," Johnson said.

River Meadows Ballet, under the direction of Jenny Mair, will dance to "The Carol of the Bells."

Brit Wilde's enthusiastic Swiss Belles will ring two special numbers, an African piece "Marching with the Light of God" and "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers", and present a collection of fun, upbeat sing along carols. Lisa Gardener and "The Choralettes" will perform two numbers.

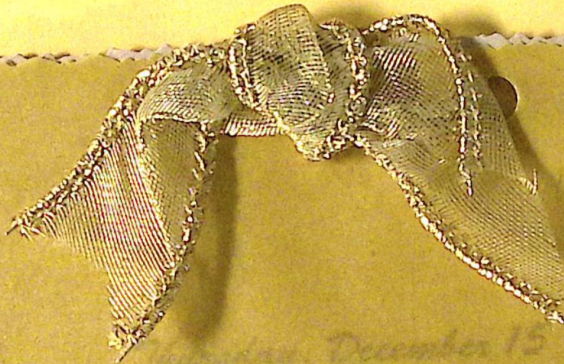
The finale brings together on stage The Swiss Chorus and The Swiss Bell Ringers in a breathtaking rendition of "Angels We Have Heard on High", and features the Riverwood Singers performing obbligato and Dennis Clegg on his trumpet.

Marilyn Norris and Debbie Foreman are the Swiss Chorus directors. Accompanists are Marilyn Larson on the piano and Nile Steiner on his Electronic Valve Instrument.

"Steiner has become an integral part of the Swiss Chorus programs enhancing every number," Johnson said. "And, of course, the whole choir would be a total loss without Barbara Bonner keeping track of all the music for the accompanists."

Johnson added, "The whole community is invited to attend, free of charge. What a great way to enjoy the unique advantages of living in this community and sharing this wonderful season with all our neighbors."





Thursday, December 12  
6:30 p.m.  
Mountain House Grill  
Steak, shrimp, chicken grill  
Reservations Only  
654-6670, 657-1111

Let's celebrate together!  
**Midway Boosters**  
**Christmas Party**



25th

sday, December 15

6:30 p.m.

Mountain House Grill

Steak, shrimp, chicken grill

Regrets Only

654-6670. 657-1111

Let's celebrate together!





2006 Midway Booster President Dick Hines giving token gift  
to 2005 President Joan Rasband





Randon Wilson, Beverly Probst, Mayor Bill Probst, Joan Rasgand, Garth Rasband, Gayle Wilson





Charlene Johnson, Bob Johnson, Donna Lloyd, Gary Lloyd  
Aldon Cook, Donna Cook





Bill and Nancy Pekny





















Lynn and Marilyn Rasband, Carol and Gary Bonner



VeraLynn Porter, Slone, Helen Hall, Randy, Hall,

Brenda Hines, Hilma Bellessa, David Bellessa, Bryce  
Rasmussen, Lyn Rasmussen

Rod and Lori Boss, Diane and Reed Clark

Richard and Marilyn Boulter, Mark and Debbie Sweat



— 2004



**2004 Proposed Booster Assignments by  
Name**

**Officers**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Responsibilities</u>
Lloyd, Gary	President	Overall Administration, Planning, Strategy, Liaison with City, Heber City, and County, Business Alliance
Wilson, Randon	Vice-Pres	Officer Duties, Cannery, Long Range Planning, New Board training
Harrigan, Sarah	Vice-Pres	Officer Duties, Scholarships Webb page, By-Law revision Nominating Committee,
Rasband, Garth	Treasurer	Officer Duties, July 4 <sup>th</sup> activity, Town Hall Refurbishing
Nola Gertsch	Secretary	Secretarial, supervise Historian, history

**Board Members**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Responsibilities</u>
Belessa, David & Hilma	Swiss Days Parade committee
Biedel, Steve & Tana	Co-Chair Swiss Miss committee
Dinter, Warren	Town Hall Refurbishing, Cannery refurbishing



Dodge, Karl & Gunda Lee	Co-chairs-Swiss Days Booth
Gertsch, Lyle & Nola	Co-Chairs, Forth of July Activity - <i>speaker -</i> <i>Jenna Travis Jackson - Fife &amp; Drum - #350</i>
Hughes, Dean	4 <sup>th</sup> of July committee, By-law revision committee
Jackson, Travis & Jen	Co-chairs, Volunteer Recruitment, 4 <sup>th</sup> of July committee
Johnson, Bob & Charlene	Swiss Chorus Liaison/ Chairs - Easter Extravaganza -
Jones, Jerry & Nancy	Co-Chairs, Swiss Christmas committee - <i>Gayle</i>
Kelson, Jennifer	Chair, Publicity committee
Kelson, Wade	Chair, Swiss Days Parade
Kissell, Bill	Web Page coordination
	Audits
	Photographer -
Rasband, Joan	Chair, Honored Citizen committee Swiss Christmas committee
Sims, Paul	Swiss Days Parade committee
Wilson, Gayle	Swiss Christmas & Swiss Booth committees
Zenger, Jack	Chair, By-Law revision committee, Coordinator Creche Exhibit -
<del>Zupo, Frank</del>	Swiss Days Parade committee



**SWISS DAYS CHAIRMAN**

Pugmire, Don

**Ex-Officio Members of Booster Board**

Probst, Bill, (Mayor)

Coordination with City of Midway

Lisa Christensen  
new chair

Business Alliance Chairperson



## Midway Booster Projects Timeline

January – December 2004

<b>Item</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>
1.	Assignments for Board members	3 days	1/5/04	1/10/04
2.				
1.	4 <sup>th</sup> of July	1 day	July 4 <sup>th</sup>	
2.	4 <sup>th</sup> of July cleanup	1 day	July 5 <sup>th</sup>	
3.	Swiss Days time line	1 month	7-15	8-15
4.	Swiss Days activity	2 days	8-29	8-30
5.	Swiss Days clean-up	2 days	9-1	9-2
6.	Swiss Christmas prep	1 month	9-16	10-16
7.	Town Square caroling	1 month	9-16	10-16
8.	Fall Planting – park/cemetery clean-up	1 day	9	
9.	Establish nominating committee	10 days	10-1	10-10
10.	Interviews for officers	1 mth	10-1	10-30
11.	Refurbish Christmas decorations	10 days	10-5	10-15
12.	Set-up Christmas décor. Town Hall, etc	1 day	11-14	
13.	Nominations of new Board members	1 day	11-15	
14.	Swiss Christmas	2 days	12-5	12-6
15.	Swiss Christmas cleanup	1 day	12-8	
16.	Annual Christmas Party	1 day	12-13	
17.	Publish list of new officers & next year's meeting schedule	1 day	12-20	
18.	Town Caroling on Square	1 day	12-24	

Attendance by Board members of concerts by Swiss Chorus, Swiss Bell Ringers, and Other Booster sponsored events.



# MIDWAY BOOSTERS, INC

## BALANCE SHEET--FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BUDGET 2004

### ASSETS

January 1, 2004

Checking	\$4,963.00				
Savings	\$67,831.00				
Swiss Bell Ringers	\$0.00				
Total Cash		\$72,794.00			
* Inventory--CookBooks		\$0.00			
* Inventory--Pins & Merchandise		\$0.00			
Prepaid Expenses		\$0.00			
Accounts Receivable (Pins)		\$0.00			
TOTAL ASSETS		\$72,794.00			
LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable	\$2,900.00				
Net Worth	\$69,894.00				
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH		\$72,794.00			

	2003 Actual	2003 Committed	Total 2003 Actual/ Committed	2004 Projected	2005 Expected/Prepaid
INCOME					
Beginning Balance	\$62,893.00		\$62,893.00	\$64,000.00	
Swiss Days	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	
Wasatch County 4th July	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Swiss Christmas	\$6,293.54		\$6,293.54	\$6,500.00	
Cook Books	\$2,040.00		\$2,040.00	\$1,000.00	
Bell Ringers	\$2,250.00		\$2,250.00	\$0.00	
Midway City	\$8,400.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	
Lecture Series	\$253.00		\$253.00	\$0.00	
Misc. Donations	\$750.00		\$750.00	\$0.00	
Merchandise & Expense Reimb.	\$7,727.31		\$7,727.31	\$0.00	
Swiss Days Booth	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	
Social Hall Rent & Other Misc.	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	
Interest	\$52.32		\$52.32	\$50.00	
Total Funds Available	\$93,659.17	\$0.00	\$93,659.17	\$75,550.00	\$2,000.00

### EXPENDITURES

Swiss Days Booth	\$271.54		\$271.54	\$1,000.00	
Booster Supplies & Postage	\$3,769.27		\$3,769.27	\$5,000.00	
Photo Galary	\$128.11		\$128.11	\$300.00	
Lecture Series	\$607.72		\$607.72	\$1,000.00	
Honored Citizen	\$425.00		\$425.00	\$450.00	
Bell Ringers	\$775.54		\$775.54	\$2,100.00	
Scholarships & Donations	\$900.00		\$900.00	\$1,400.00	
Olympic Program	\$740.00		\$740.00	\$0.00	
Social Hall Utilities	\$2,431.01		\$2,431.01	\$2,500.00	
Childrens Chorus	\$404.87		\$404.87	\$500.00	
Social Hall Repairs & Maint.(Door)	\$12,570.00	\$0.00	\$12,570.00	\$2,000.00	
Insurance	\$1,962.00		\$1,962.00	\$2,500.00	
Credit Card Charges	\$594.13		\$594.13	\$750.00	
Merchandise	\$4,927.79	\$0.00	\$4,927.79	\$5,000.00	
Publicity & Maketing & News Letter	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$2,200.00	
Swiss Christmas	\$3,609.00	\$0.00	\$3,609.00	\$4,000.00	
Town Ice Rink	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$500.00	
Swiss Days Parade	\$802.50		\$802.50	\$1,500.00	
Swiss Miss	\$4,690.19		\$4,690.19	\$2,500.00	
Swiss Chorus	\$1,859.51		\$1,859.51	\$2,300.00	
Creche Expenses	\$1,317.94		\$1,317.94	\$1,000.00	
Town Hall Renovation	\$40,500.26	\$0.00	\$40,500.26	\$12,000.00	
Telephone Expenses	\$14.39	\$0.00	\$14.39	\$0.00	
4th July	\$1,283.05		(\$1,283.05)	\$1,500.00	
4th July Fireworks	\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Town Hall Lighting	\$0.00	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00	\$0.00	
Main Street & Round-About	\$0.00			\$5,000.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$200.00		\$200.00	\$500.00	
Total Expenditures	\$91,283.82	\$2,900.00	\$94,183.82	\$63,500.00	\$6,000.00
Ending Cash Balance	\$2,375.35	-\$2,900.00	-\$524.65	\$12,050.00	-\$4,000.00

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Midway Boosters  
Income Statement  
For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2004

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
<b>Revenues</b>				
Swiss Days Contribution	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 0.00
Wasatch County 4th July	0.00	0.00	0.00	(2,000.00)
Swiss Christmas--Booth Fees	1,537.00	0.00	1,537.00	0.00
Swiss Chirstmas	2,268.65	0.00	2,268.65	(6,500.00)
Cook Book Income	378.00	0.00	1,135.50	(1,000.00)
Rent Social Hall	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
Midway Heritage Books & CD's	120.00	0.00	120.00	0.00
Cowboy Poetry	0.00	0.00	3,125.00	0.00
Interest Received	98.26	0.00	530.53	(50.00)
Lecture Series	0.00	0.00	170.00	0.00
Merchandise Sold	0.00	0.00	4,312.20	0.00
Credit Cards Processed	0.00	0.00	(5.12)	0.00
Swiss Days Booth	0.00	0.00	0.00	(2,000.00)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>4,401.91</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>82,693.76</b>	<b>(11,550.00)</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>				
Merchandise Purchased	201.60	0.00	3,807.56	5,000.00
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>201.60</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,807.56</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>4,200.31</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>78,886.20</b>	<b>(16,550.00)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Swiss Days Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Prepare Tax Return	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Booster Supplies	769.78	0.00	3,426.98	5,000.00
Historian Supplies	0.00	0.00	557.19	0.00
Lecture Series	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Honored Citizen	0.00	0.00	259.08	450.00
Photo Galary	0.00	0.00	1,623.31	300.00
Bell Ringers Expenses	0.00	0.00	747.30	2,100.00
Donations & Scholarships	750.00	0.00	2,975.00	1,400.00
Town Hall Sound System	0.00	0.00	125.00	0.00
Utilities--Social Hall	343.63	0.00	3,618.31	2,500.00
Childrens Chorus	0.00	0.00	17.50	500.00
Repairs & Maint-Social Hall	1,910.00	0.00	2,252.93	2,000.00
Insurance	0.00	0.00	1,956.00	2,500.00
Sales Tax Expense	0.00	0.00	209.00	0.00
Credit Card Processing Charges	36.00	0.00	559.48	750.00
Bank Service Charges	0.00	0.00	81.89	0.00
Publicity & Marketing-News Let	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,200.00
Town Ice Rink	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Swiss Christmas	2,326.84	0.00	2,560.78	4,000.00
Creche Expenses	83.81	0.00	231.81	1,000.00
Swiss Days Parade	0.00	0.00	387.00	1,500.00
Swiss Miss	0.00	0.00	3,039.07	1,000.00
Swiss Days Float	0.00	0.00	1,356.81	2,000.00
Main Street & Round-About	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Swiss Chorus	830.41	0.00	2,768.84	2,300.00
Town Hall--Renovation	210.00	0.00	15,357.14	12,000.00
Town Beautification/Lighting	0.00	0.00	2,900.00	0.00
4th of July	0.00	0.00	968.00	1,500.00
4th of July--Fireworks	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00

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Midway Boosters  
Income Statement  
For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2004

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Total Expenses	7,260.47	0.00	54,978.42	59,500.00
Net Income	\$ (3,060.16)	\$ 0.00	\$ 23,907.78	\$ (76,050.00)
				96000.00



**Midway Booster's Executive Committee and Board Assignments -  
Annual Calendar of Events  
2004**

- January --**
- a. Organize Board members into various committee assignments and confirm willingness of individuals to serve as chair or as committee members.
  - b. Speak with each of the organizational heads, including Swiss Choir, Swiss Bell Ringers, Swiss Days, Swiss Miss, etc to set goals for their respective responsibilities.
  - c. Meet and discuss with new board members, their role, and requested assignments for the coming year.
  - d. Hold Executive and Board meetings
- February--**
- a. Encourage all committees to meet together and develop their Objective's and action plans for the year, send to the Executive committee and report to the Board in March Board Meeting  
Select Swiss Miss chairperson, meet with committee to determine budgets, and program plans
  - b. Recommend to board additional couples to join Boosters
  - c. Coordinate with Swiss Days chairman on planned activities
  - d. Hold Executive and Board meetings
- March/April**
- a. Swiss Miss -- work with liaison from board to assure that activities are on schedule
  - b. Coordinate with Swiss Days Committee on planning for Swiss Days
  - c. Continue with attendance at city council and Chamber of Commerce meetings as well as Beautification committee meetings
  - d. Verify that Fourth of July committee plans are on schedule including speaker selection, location, meal, chairs, etc.
  - e. Hold Executive and Board meetings
- May --**
- a. Spring Planting / park/cemetery clean-up
  - b. Attend monthly coordination meeting for Swiss Days
  - c. Check on budget to assure we are meeting goals on spending as set in February Board meeting
  - d. Hold Executive and Board meetings
- June --**
- a. Executive planning
  - b. Hold Executive and Board meetings
- July --**
- a. Fourth of July Program. - Support committee with board member support .
  - b. Hold Executive and Board meetings



**August/September**

- a. Swiss Days
  - Swiss Days parade
  - Swiss Miss Float
  - Heidi Puppet Show
  - Swiss Chorus Program
  - Swiss Bell Ringers
- b. Fall Planting park/cemetery clean-up
- c. Hold Executive and Board meetings

- October --**
- a. Establish nominating committee for officer selection for 2005
  - b. Continue to coordinate with the Creche committee, Cottages for the Children and Swiss Christmas
  - c. Hold Executive and Board meetings

- November --**
- a. Select committee to get decorations out for Christmas and repair broken ones, decorate Town Hall inside and out, including tree in Gazebo.
  - b. Consider couples and individuals for three year board appointments and list of possible volunteers to the board.
  - c. Elections committee consider individuals for President for 2004
  - d. Through executive committee review, select next years President and suggest that he or she consider officers to serve with them.
  - e. Hold Executive and Board meetings

- December --**
- a. Hold Swiss Christmas activities in Town Hall, fully support the Creche Exhibit planning and implementation and continue coordination with the cottages for the Children
  - b. **Annual Christmas Party - & election of officers for 2004**
  - c. Publish list of new officers and next year's meeting schedule





8:00 **MARKET OPENS** ..... Town Square  
 9:00 *Swiss Miss Royalty* ..... Swiss Miss & Attendants  
 9:20 *Buff Griffiths* ..... Vocal  
 9:45 *Campfire Cowboys* ..... Western  
 10:30 *Cheri Call* ..... Guitar & Vocal  
 11:15 *Salzburger Echo* ..... Alpine Band  
 12:00 *James Oneil Miner* ..... Pianist  
 12:45 *Kerry Christensen* ..... Yodeler  
 1:30 *Lee Fugal* ..... Musical Mayhem  
 2:15 *Salzburger Echo* ..... Alpine Band  
 3:00 *Mavin & Hobbs* ..... Banjos  
 3:45 *Kerry Christensen* ..... Yodeler  
 4:45 *James Oneil Miner* ..... Pianist  
 5:30 *Lee Fugal* ..... Musical Mayhem  
 6:00 **PARADE** ..... Main Street  
 7:30 *Swiss Chorus and Bell Ringers* .....

7:00 **CHUCKWAGON BREAKFAST\*** ..... Town Square  
 7:00 *Pre-Register 10K RUN\** ..... City Park - Center St, 1st North  
 8:00 **10K RUN\*** ..... City Park - Center St, 1st North  
 8:00 **MARKET OPENS** ..... Town Square  
 9:00 *Swiss Miss Royalty* ..... Swiss Miss & Attendants  
 9:20 *Andrew & Joeli Grose* ..... Vocal Duet  
 10:00 **PARADE** ..... Main Street  
 10:45 *Letter Carriers Band* .....  
 11:45 *Swiss Chorus* ..... Sampler  
 12:00 *James Oneil Miner* ..... Pianist  
 12:45 *Kerry Christensen* ..... Yodeler  
 1:45 *Back Porch Gang* ..... Barbershop  
 2:30 *The 4 Accords* ..... Accordions  
 3:15 *James Oneil Miner* ..... Pianist  
 4:00 *Kerry Christensen* ..... Yodeler  
 5:00 *River Road Bluegrass Band* ..... Bluegrass  
 7:30 *Swiss Chorus and Bell Ringers* .....

\*10K Run, Pre-Register \$16 before August 25, or \$20 thereafter  
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# Honored Citizens for 2004



**Earl Watson and Leah McDonald Houtz**

Earl was born on April 30th, 1914, in Salt Lake City to Martin Alex Houtz and Myrtle Edith Guiver. Earl graduated from Wasatch High School in 1933. He worked in the mines in Park City and worked on the family farm with his father. He went to work at U.S. Steel in 1952 and retired in 1977.

Leah was born in Daniels on October 28th, 1921, to Joseph C. McDonald and Minnie Sonderegger. Her grandparents are Johannes Sonderegger and Bertha Buehler, two of the original Swiss Immigrants to Midway. Leah is very proud of her Swiss heritage. Leah worked as a nurse in the old Heber Hospital while raising a family, doing community service, and serving in her church.

Earl loved to dance and that was how he and Leah met. They courted for a year and married in July of 1940 in Manti, Utah. They lived in Daniels for almost two years and then moved to Midway in April of 1942 and have lived in the same home ever since.

Earl and Leah are parents of five children: Joyce (Leslie) Olsen, Barbara Jean (Brent) Rosengreen, Val Houtz, Larry (Malinda) Houtz, and Steven Earl (Kim) Houtz. They are grandparents to twenty-one grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Earl and Leah are charter members of the Midway Boosters. Earl is a former booster president. He has put his heart and soul into having the annual Swiss Day's celebration be a success while he served on numerous past Midway Days, Midway Harvest Days and Swiss Day's committees. Up until the last couple of years, they have been actively involved in the preliminary planning for Swiss Days as well as working in booths. In the beginning years they always built a family float for the parade.

They are active members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Their lives are richly blessed while giving service to their church, in which they each have held numerous positions of leadership. They have served two missions, one to the Philippines and the other to the Chicago Temple Mission. Leah's long-time desire was fulfilled when she was asked to play the organ in the Chicago Temple.

Their daughter, Joyce, recalls, "When I think of my parents, I think of their great service to their family, community and church. I remember Dad's large garden, sharing the produce harvested from it with all the neighbors. I remember Mom's bottled fruit and vegetables, and we can't forget all the sauerkraut that was pounded and bottled for the winter. She did this for her own family and for neighbors. They shared all they had and never wasted time. They worked hard but always took time to play with their family."

Earl, at 90 years of age, still drives taking friends and neighbors to the store, doctors and other needed places. Leah, legally blind, still bakes Swiss Bread for members of the community and Earl delivers the bread. Earl drives a car load to the Senior Citizen Center every Monday evening and on Thursdays for Senior dinners. They are currently two of the Friendly Caller volunteers for the Senior Citizens. Earl is a Security Guard for his church.

Their lives are an inspiration to others and they have always lived by asking the question, "In what way can I help?" Perhaps we will never know the number of times help, love, and support are given, as they find answers to this question.

# SWISS MISS ROYALTY



Left to Right  
Top Row:  
Abby Hobbs, Kimberly Kohler,  
Rachel Kohler, Hannah Kelson  
Bottom Row:  
Regan Zite

**Swiss Miss Regan Zite** - Regan is the ten year old daughter of Ed and Jan Zite. Regan has three brothers and a sister who all love her. She will be going into fifth grade at Midway Elementary. Regan clogs with Mountain Valley Extreme and tumbles with Heber Handspringers where she competes in both on a National level. She also plays the piano and violin. Regan enjoys most sports and loves to ski. But her favorite thing to do is spend time with her family and play with her friends. Regan is so excited to take part in Swiss Day's and absolutely loves living in Midway.

**1st Attendant Hannah Kelson** - Hannah is a ten year old honor student at Midway Elementary and is looking forward to her fifth grade year. She participates on the Wasatch Dance Center "Company" team where she has specialized in dance for the past 5 years. Hannah is in voice training as well as piano and enjoys performing when she has an opportunity. She excels in all types of athletics, her favorite being basketball and softball. Hannah enjoys spending time with her family and many friends. She is excited to be part of the Swiss Miss Royalty this year. Hannah's proud parents are Clint and Mindi Kelson and she has two younger sisters, who adore her, Emma and Charley.

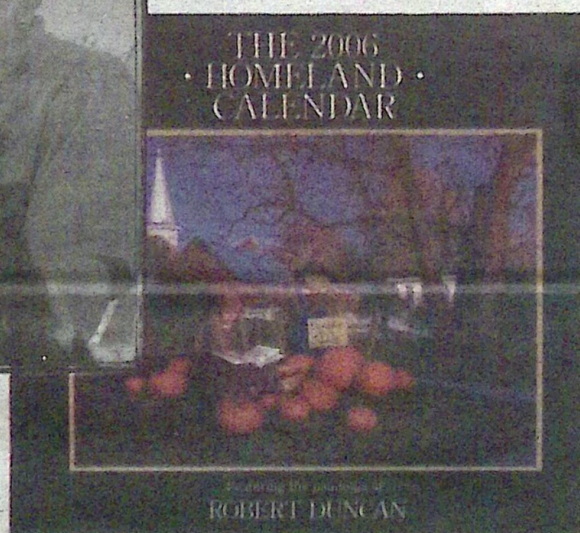
**Attendant Abby Hobbs** - Abby is the daughter of Barry and Lorie Hobbs. She is ten years old and is in the fifth grade at Midway Elementary School. She loves school and has had the enriching opportunity of participating in the district's new gifted program. She especially likes reading and creative writing. Abby participates in a variety of activities and loves everything she does. She is an enthusiastic basketball player and really enjoys playing Jr Jazz as well as many other sports and outdoor activities. She takes especially good care of her much beloved cat, Tiptoe. Performing is one of Abby's favorite things and she once played the role of Dorothy in the *Wizard of Oz*. She is a talented singer, loves to dance and is a member of the Broadway Performing group. Abby also plays the violin and the piano. Abby is having a fantastic time as a Swiss Miss. She loves representing Midway as part of the Swiss Miss Royalty and it is helping her learn about and remember her own Swiss heritage.

**Attendant Rachael Kohler** - Rachael is the youngest child and only girl in her family of five older brothers. Her name Rachael comes from her four great-great grandmothers who share the same name. Her Last name Kohler comes from her ancestors that came from Switzerland four generations ago and settled in Midway. Rachael will be in the seventh grade this year. She enjoys sports of all kinds, mainly soccer and basketball. She is on the county competition soccer team. Her first love is playing the piano, but she also plays the violin. She performs with the River Meadows Ballet Company doing ballet and jazz Dance. Her love of life, however, comes from being with her family and associating with her many cousins. She is the daughter of Mike and Laurie Kohler.

**Attendant Kimberly Kohler** - Kimberly is the oldest and only daughter of John and Sunny Kohler. She has three younger brothers Blaine, Carson and Ben. Her ancestors were some of the first settlers in Midway. Kimberly will soon be 11. She is very excited to start the school year in fifth grade at Midway Elementary. Her talents are voice, piano and dance. She studies dance at Academy of Dance where she is a member of the dance team. Her hobbies and loves are swimming, softball, reading, camping and scrap booking. Kimberly is very proud of her Swiss heritage and honored to share her love of Midway with others.



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the intersection of First East and Main Street, you find three trim houses, which bear the trademark of John Watkins. This story is interesting.

Two brothers, George and William Bonner, who were successful in the timber business in the Valley, acquired this property and decided to build a home for their parents, George and Margaret Edmundson Bonner, on the northeast corner. The brothers supplied the materials and John Watkins built it. (103 East Main)

When the brothers decided to marry, they were foresighted and had John Watkins build each of them a home, one on the southwest corner and the other on the southeast corner. This was all in preparation for their weddings. George Bonner III and Phoebe Alexander, and William Bonner and Sarah Eliza Bronson, were married in their parent's home on Jan. 24, 1878. After the celebration, each couple went to their own

home, where a wedding supper was served. The home of Bill and Eliza was completely furnished, even to the dishes.

George and Bill built and operated the Bonner Merchantile on the northeast corner across from their homes and were very successful. The brothers purchased land and cattle, and as the families grew, decided to divide the property. George had all girls, and Bill had four girls and four living boys, so George decided to take the store and Bill the land and cattle, with which both were happy.

The parent's home was passed to the third brother, Thomas, and then to his son, Glade, while George's home eventually passed to Thomas's daughter, Glenna and her husband, Leland W. Ivers. The Bonner Mere became the Iver's Mere before being purchased by Richard Nielson, and becoming Nielson's. Bill and Eliza lived in their home until their deaths.



# BONNER'S FOURTH CORNER



by Robin Johnson

Community gathering to buy goods, visit neighbors and share news was the tradition on the fourth, northwest corner of Main Street and 100 East. It first began on the southwest corner in the home of George Bonner, Sr., assisted by his sons George and William, and was among several of Midway's first stores.

Business was brisk and outgrew George's home. His sons took over the business and built the Bonner Mercantile in 1879, which eventually became the property

of George Bonner, Jr., while the brother's cattle and land became William's.

George "proved to be a highly esteemed merchant and his business prospered." Three of his daughters worked in the store with him. Phoebe and Margaret were clerks and June was the bookkeeper.

Margaret and her husband, Albert Stewart, bought the store after George's passing. June chose to remain as the bookkeeper. The Stewarts worked well together, they divided responsibilities. Margaret did all the purchasing for the store and Albert brought in the merchandise, along with delivering orders to far away customers. He made deliveries both summer and winter, serving all the mines in the area.

The Bonner Merc became a General Country Store and supplied practically all the needs of the community. The Stewarts retired in 1948 and sold the business to Leland W. and Glenna Ivers. Glenna was the daughter of Thomas Bonner, another son of George Bonner, Sr. The store became known as Ivers Mercantile.

In the later half of the 20th Century the store changed hands several more times. Richard and Marilyn Nielson purchased it from the Ivers and opened Nielson's Market in the 70's and 80's. After their successful run they sold to Jay Tims. Tims operated the store as Midway Market. In the early 90's

Tims closed its door.

The building stood empty until two brothers from Charleston, Kent and Paul Winterton, leased the store from Tims and did business as Winterton's Market. Their store was successful for five years. With the growing needs of the community, Kent felt a bigger store was needed and endeavored to build one of his own. The deal fell through and Winterton's Market closed its doors. Locals have sorely missed this gathering spot.

Tims filled the store with antiques, but it was rarely open, just a few days in the summer and during Swiss Days.

Recently Lynette Hatch and her husband, Sandy, have changed all that by remodeling and opening an antique store, The Midway Mercantile, Fine Antiques, Art & Collectibles. They purchased the store from Tims and filled it with antiques, but not before taking the time to completely clean and renovate the historic building.

The Hatches completely rewired the electricity, fixed the roof, raised the ceiling and exposed the original brick. They painted, inside and out, and refurbished the front. Their hard work will contribute to preserving this historic building well into the future.

"When we bought it we took out the walk in freezer and there was no back," Sandy said. The area where the freezer was is now Lynette's office.

Lynette said, "We built a back and put in (vintage double) doors from the recycling center in Park City." The couple purchased the doors in their original condition. The doors access a small backyard that was an overgrown field. They have converted it into a garden spot and display antique garden furniture and other items in this area.

They also cleaned out the old granary, they call it "the barn." The granary used to be just east of the store where the parking is now, but was moved behind the store. They bought another vintage door from the recycling center and put it in the west wall of the granary to access it from the garden. This door is in its original condition and came from the Washington School House Inn in Park City.

The two buildings are hooked together by an area the Hatches call "the breeze way." The couple plans to use the breeze way as a locals area to highlight local artisans, and the barn area as a garden store and possibly lease it out.

Visitors to this year's Swiss Days will find the store packed with beautiful antiques, art and collectibles. Store Hours are Tuesday through Thursday 11:00 am. to 6:00 pm. The store is located at 99 East Main Street. To contact the store call (435) 654-0288 or email mmercantile1001@quest.net



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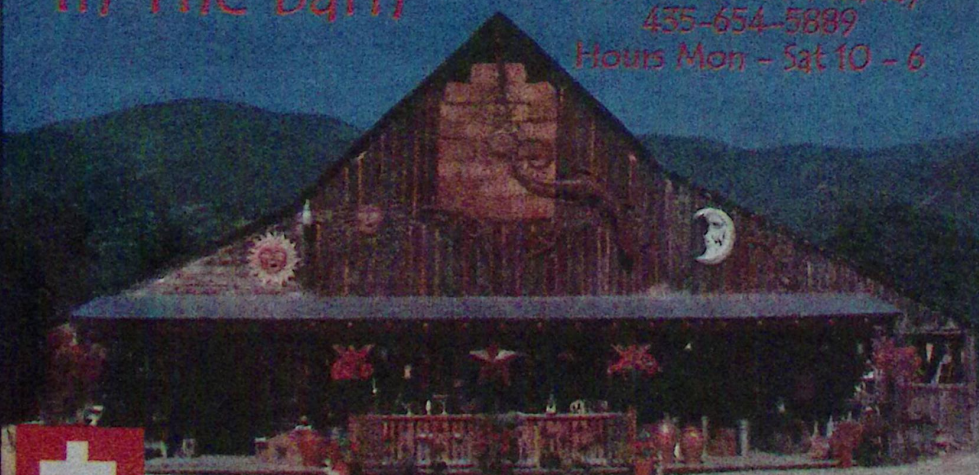
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**COME VISIT US DURING SWISS DAYS!**

by Robin Johnson

Elegance and simplicity grace Robert Duncan Studio's new art gallery on Midway's Main Street. Duncan designed the artistic elements of the building himself based on photographs and drawings of authentic Swiss barns and the barn in his own backyard.

While considering what he wanted his art gallery to look like Duncan asked himself, "What is Midway?" He looked around and decided one of the things that says Midway to him are the local barns.

"We thought that theme might work with my art as well as Midway's history," Duncan said, "so we took a lot of photographs the

last few times we were over there."

Duncan worked with local architect George Olson. Olson provided Duncan with old drawings of Swiss barns he had in his collection. Basically Duncan created the barn artistically and Olson worked out the design problems. Together their work has brought a new Swiss look to Midway's Main Street, a look Duncan calls more authentic to the Swiss settlers of Midway.

"We took photographs of barns in the Bern, Interlaken and Grindlewald areas of Switzerland," Duncan said, "in the same sections the original settlers of Midway were from. I liked the Swiss barns."



In the Bern, Interlaken and Grindlewald sections of Switzerland Duncan said there is more wood architecture than stucco, which is prominent in other areas of the country.

"We're hoping that more people will build with the wood Swiss style in the future on Main Street," Duncan said. "Although it does cost a little more."

Euclid, a local building company in Charleston, built the art gallery. The exterior siding was designed to look like wood. A bell tower on top of the barn shelters a cow bell from Switzerland. Local resident, Tom Whitaker, gave it to the Duncan's as a house warming present when the new gallery opened for Swiss Days just before Labor Day in 2004. The weather vane on top is a dancing pig, just like the one the sits on top of Duncan's art studio at home.

The barn theme is carried inside the gallery section of the barn. Duncan said the whole building is held together with big pegs and sup-

ported with timber frames in the old post and beam or pegs and timber style. Like the interior of many barns the ceiling and floor are wood.

There are two other sections

inside the new building, a shipping and office area and a warehouse.

Duncan's art gallery is a metaphor for his artwork, a simple country moment respectfully, ele-

gantly and timelessly portrayed.

Robert Duncan Studios is located on Main Street in Midway, Utah. Contact the studio at 435-654-0500.



## THE BEST JUST GOT BETTER!



From Left to Right: Tracy Taylor, Gina Luke, Samantha Fox, Laura Carlson, Chuck Zuercher, Krystal Couey, Suzanne Mair, Denise Peck, Margie Sherer, Kim MacLachlan, Kassie Smith, Dick Baum, Kris Richardson.

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# Brit Wilde and her Swiss Belles



by Robin Johnson

She's back! Former director of The Swiss Handbell Ringers, Brit Wilde, has returned to bells after several years of rest. New this year, the handbell ringers have chosen to be known as "The Swiss Belles".

Lyn Rasmussen, Midway Booster liaison for the bell choir and a handbell ringer herself said, "Brit wants people to

know she's back. She has a high performance standard and she wants people to know this bell choir is up to that standard."

Wilde has a reputation for being a showman, an expert entertainer and for having a great rapport with her audiences.

Handbell ringer Cari Knapp has four years of experience ringing under three directors. Knapp said all three are wonderful musicians and directors. Knapp

also said Wilde has a special gift for getting her performers to reach for their very best.

"Brit can squeeze juice from a turnip!" Knapp said. "She can bring things out of you that you didn't know you had. We are supposed to look as professional and seasoned as she is."

Knapp said having Rasmussen as a liaison to the Midway Boosters has helped change some important things. Wilde has sent her with important requests and, Knapp said, "the Boosters have been wonderful" in their response. "Wait until you see the bass bell players with their rack and mallets."

It's been difficult to recruit men to play the bass bells and they are difficult for the women to pick up and play. The Boosters had a special rack built to hang the bells and the women assigned to play them use a mallet. Also, the women no longer transport the bells from the upper floor in the Town Hall to the lower floor, the Boosters put a crew together to take care of that task for them.

New curtains and fresh paint adorn the newly cleaned practice room in the upper west corner of Town Hall, also

thanks to the Midway Boosters.

"We have a lot of numbers this year," Knapp said, "it's probably a 45 minute program. People are going to just be thrilled!"

The wide variety program includes something for everyone, a Disney march, fun classical pieces and some African numbers with traditional native percussion instruments.

"There are a variety of techniques we can play," Wilde said. "We'll use the chimes and bells, I'll clarify things as the afternoon goes on."

Visit the Town Hall on Friday or Saturday at two o'clock for "The Swiss Belle's" premiere performances. Wilde said, "It's a guaranteed crowd pleaser! Let your hair down, sit back and relax ... and absolutely ENJOY."

Wilde is happy to be back. It was a difficult decision to return. Wilde's husband of nearly forty years passed away six months ago.

"For the last twelve years now we have worked together 24/7 and enjoyed every minute of it," Wilde said. "It's been good for me to be able to come back and work with The Swiss Belles now."

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# WHAT'S NEW IN THE BOOSTER'S BOOTH?

By Robin Johnson

It's always worth your time to stop and browse through the Midway Boosters Booth. Each year the Booster committee introduces new products. Successful items from past years have included Swiss Days hats, shirts, Olympic Midway pins and a Legacy Bridge pin.

In recent years the Boosters have sponsored products such as a History book, "Midway: Portrait of a Town" by Dee Halverson, a historical photographic CD, Mountain Berry Jam and Snake Creek Salsa by Charleston resident, Ken Probst.

These items were very successful.

New this year is Midway Mountain Honey and V Chocolates. A Wallsburg resident is providing the honey. V Chocolates was bought by two Midway residents, Jason Probst and Mark Nelson. Their goal is to eventually move production to Midway.

Boosters are also introducing wrist bands with Swiss flags and American flags, along with a line of pewter items such as a pewter bowl for Mountain Berry jam. Each year the booster committee presents a thank you gift to the vendors, this year's gift will be V Chocolates.

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# CARAMEL APPLES ANYONE?

By Robin Johnson

This year will be the third for Caramel Apples at Swiss Days.

Introducing a new item at Swiss Days is a trial and error process. Several years ago caramel corn was new on the scene. The first year it was a big hit. However, the Swiss Days committee has noticed its popularity waning.

"Over the last few years the caramel corn has come down in its sales," Gary Lloyd said in 2003. "So this year we are trading the caramel corn for caramel apples."

"The process for making the caramel corn is time and labor intensive," Lloyd added. "The caramel apples are a little less labor intensive, so we're going to give them a try."



Caramel popcorn connoisseurs might try the Relief Society Baked Goods Booth, there is sometimes caramel corn available there.

The first year Caramel Apples were introduced, they were a big hit, however, the Swiss Days committee noticed the caramel on the apples was bubbling and ran. They immediately set about trying to solve the problem.

Joan Rasband, current Booster President, said all it took was making sure the refrigerated apples, before they were dipped in caramel, were dry and brought to room temperature. "The caramel apples have been very popular," Rasband said. "We've run out every year."

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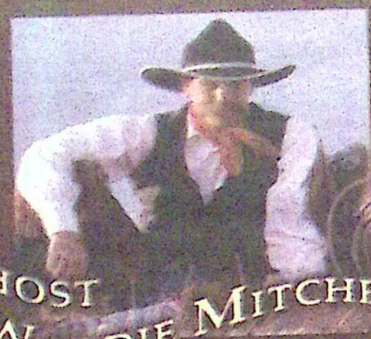
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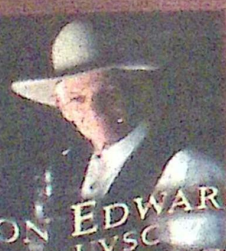
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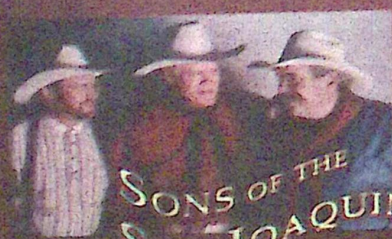
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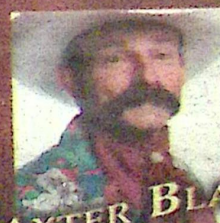
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| Tues.  | ≡ Cowboy Dinner.....  | 5pm  |
| Nov. 1 | ≡ Show .....  | 7pm  |
|        | Waddie Mitchell, Pat Richardson,<br>Gary McMahan, Sourdough Slim<br>Belinda Gail & Curly Musgrave |      |
| Wed.   | ≡ Heber Valley Railroad with .....  | 7pm  |
| Nov. 2 | ≡ Cowboy Poets & Musicians .....  |      |
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| Thur.  | ≡ Eddie Deen's Famous East Texas BBQ .....  | 5pm  |
| Nov. 3 | ≡ Buckaroo Gear Show .....  | 5pm  |
|        | ≡ Mountain Man Trader Camp .....  | 5pm  |
|        | ≡ Show .....  | 7pm  |
|        | Don Edwards, Waddie Mitchell, Rich O'Brien<br>& the UVSC Philharmonic Symphony                    |      |
| Fri.   | ≡ Colt Starting & Horsemanship Clinic ...   | 9am  |
| Nov. 4 | ≡ Continuous Music, Poetry, Buckaroo ..   | 12pm |
|        | Gear Show & Mountain Man Camp   |      |
|        | ≡ Don Edwards, Waddie, Wylie & the .....  | 2pm  |
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|        | Gary McMahan & Sourdough Slim   |      |
|        | ≡ Riders in the Sky, Waddie, .....  | 8pm  |
|        | Glenn Ohrlin & DW Groethe   |      |
|        | ≡ Buckaroo Dance, Wylie & the Wild West ..  | 9pm  |
| Sat.   | ≡ Continuous Music, Poetry, Buckaroo ..   | 10am |
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|        | ≡ Bar J Wranglers, Waddie, .....  | 11am |
|        | Ernie Sites & Pat Richardson  |      |
|        | ≡ Baxter Black, Waddie, Wylie & the .....   | 3pm  |
|        | Wild West & Sourdough Slim  |      |
|        | ≡ Bar J Wranglers, Waddie, Belinda Gail ...   | 7pm  |
|        | Curly Musgrave & Yvonne Hollenbeck  |      |
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# Welcome

*As* president of the Midway Boosters and on behalf of all the members of the board, we welcome each of you to Swiss Days. We have a great selection of vendors for purchases, a variety of food booths to satisfy your appetite and entertainment for your delight.

The Midway Boosters and the community have come a long way since the year 1947 when Midway Boosters were founded. The 17th Annual Midway Swiss Days history book refers to that first year and tells us, "With interest among the Midway citizens a need for a civic organization was indicated. A dinner meeting was held and the organization known as the Midway Booster Club was organized with the first officers being: Reed Kohler, President; Francis Probst, 1st Vice President; William Haueter, 2nd Vice President and Leroy Huffaker, Secretary-Treasurer. It was in the year the first celebration known as the Harvest Festival was held and proved highly successful. In those days the parade was entirely miniature. Besides the celebration each year the club did many things to beautify and improve the community. Grassing the town square, building a tennis court, putting in street signs and clean-up projects are some of the things that have been done. In 1953 under the direction of Scott Whitaker as President with Lethe Tatge, Reed Kohler, Lona and Austin Kelly the Swiss Days theme for the annual celebration that had been known before as the Harvest Festival was adopted. There was a Swiss Market and Swiss Parade."

As this tradition continues in its 58th year, Swiss Days is here. Once again this great community has pulled together for another successful event. The Swiss Days committee, under the direction of Mark Sweat as Chairperson, has been fast at work. Meetings and plans have been going for quite some time. This is the 200th celebration of William Tell, so you won't want to miss this production. Moira Michaels and Bill Gardner have worked hard to give the play some revitalization in honor of this commemoration. The Children's Swiss Chorus under the direction of Jennifer Jackson and Carl Willets have sixty children from throughout the valley performing a medley of music in honor of our soldiers past and present.

As you participate in our annual Swiss Days celebration we hope you have an enjoyable time.

Joan Rasband,

*Midway Booster President*



# 2005 HONORED CITIZENS



**Wayne & Audrey Probst**

Wayne and Audrey were both born and raised in the Heber Valley; Wayne in Midway and Audrey in Heber City. They met in the ninth grade, Wayne having attended school in the old pot rock Elementary Midway School and Audrey the Heber Central School. They both graduated from Wasatch High School together. Wayne is the son of Joseph E. and Garnet Watkins Probst. Audrey is the daughter of Irwin T. and Ruby Price Hicken. Wayne and Audrey were married on March 20, 1953 in the Salt Lake Temple. They have made Midway their home since except for time away serving in the Air Force and as missionaries for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Wayne and Audrey are the parents of 5 sons and 1 daughter: Joe and Marsha, Ben and Nan and Mark of Midway, Kimball and Susan of Heber City, John and Jayne of Hollister, Idaho, and Annette and Dan Swainston of Bakersfield, California. 19 grand children and 1 great grand daughter.

Wayne earned a B.S. Degree in Agronomy, Animal Science, and Agricultural Economics from Brigham Young University. Upon graduation, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force. He served as a navigator in the B-29 bomber converted to an aerial tanker, with the 27th Air Refueling Squadron in Austin, Texas and Anchorage, Alaska.

After his release from the Air Force he, with Audrey, and sons Joe and Kimball, returned to Midway to farm. He later obtained a teaching certificate from BYU and taught school in Park City for 2 years. He went to work as an Agricultural Appraiser for the Federal Land Bank of Berkeley throughout the Western States. He later became president of the Federal Land Bank Association of Utah. Upon retiring from the Federal Land Bank Association, he established his own Agricultural Appraisal Service, throughout the Western States. Wayne has served on the Midway Planning Commission, (presently for a second term), a director of the Midway Irrigation Company, a committee member of the Wasatch Soil Conservation District, the Governor's Agricultural Advisory

Committee, Utah Council of Cooperatives and an organizing member of the Utah FFA Foundation. He presently serves as the Utah Farm Mediator for the Utah Department of Agricultural and Food.

Wayne served with the Midway Harvest Festival, then Midway Days and now it is known as Swiss Days. While serving as Bishop of the Midway Second Ward he instigated the annual Memorial Day Breakfast and the Swiss Days Breakfast. He continues to help with the breakfast and the Pie and Ice Cream Booth.

Wayne served as a missionary in the North Central States, Bishop of the Midway Second Ward, Heber Stake High Council, the first President of the Midway Stake, Mission President of Pocatello Mission and presently a sealer in the Provo Temple. While serving as Stake President the Midway Stake Center was built. It was dedicated the same day he was released. Wayne continues to run a few cattle and a few acres of pasture and crop land here in Midway.

Audrey earned a B.S. in Elementary Education from Brigham Young University in 1951. She then taught school in Portland, Oregon for one year. She returned home to Utah and taught one year in Lehi. She substituted for several years on the Wasatch School District. She served as President of the Midway Second Ward Relief Society. She sang for several years in the Swiss Chorus, and continues to help in the Relief Society Booth as well as the Pie and Ice Cream Booth. She says she is an ordinary, loyal supporter of Midway helping wherever asked to serve. Audrey served a mission in Pocatello Idaho with her husband Wayne. She has taught in the auxiliaries, as well as the pianist in Primary and Relief Society and serves as an ordinance worker in the Provo Temple.

They are very humble to be selected as the Honored Citizens of Midway this year. They love Midway and the wonderful people who live here. They make Midway home and are grateful for its beauty and its peace.



# 2005 SWISS MISS ROYALTY



Montana Law, Swiss Miss 2005, Julia Snow, First Attendant,  
Tristin Lowe, Attendant, Abby Snow, Attendant, Lindsay Mason, Attendant

The Midway Boosters are pleased to introduce this year's Swiss Miss Royalty. This year's pageant was held April 2, where five new representatives of Midway were chosen. These young ladies will act as hostesses for Midway's annual Swiss Days on the Midway Town Square. The royalty will also perform at public events such as Wasatch County Fair Days, Swiss Days and Swiss Christmas.

Montana Law, Swiss Miss 2005 — Daughter of Varlin and Carla Law

Montana has lived in Midway for over 10 years and is pleased to represent our city as this year's Swiss Miss. She is the oldest of six children. Montana is an honor student and loves school. She has many hobbies which include horses, art, reading, singing, dancing, being in plays and performing. Montana is looking forward to fulfilling her community service projects this year as well as being an ambassador for the City of Midway.

Julia Snow, First Attendant — Daughter of Kevin and Tara Snow

Julia is the oldest of four girls in her family. She enjoys school and is an honor student at Rocky Mountain Middle School. Julia participates with Rocky Mountain Express Cloggers, competing on a National level. She plays the piano and she plays the flute in the Middle School band. Julia is very excited to represent Midway and is looking forward to making new friends and participating in community service opportunities.

Tristin Lowe, Attendant — Daughter of Richard and Julia Lowe

Tristin has grown up in a family of eight children. She is a sixth grade honor student at Rocky Mountain Middle School. She enjoys performing, gymnastics, soccer, snowboarding and cheerleading. Tristin has become quite the entrepreneur selling golf balls and homemade lemonade. She is a friend to everyone and loves serving in the Swiss Miss Royalty. She has the added honor of being chosen by her peers as Miss Congeniality.

Abby Snow, Attendant — Daughter of Kevin and Tara Snow

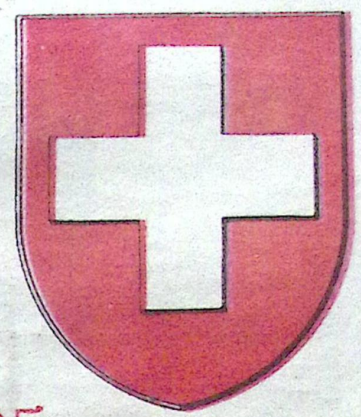
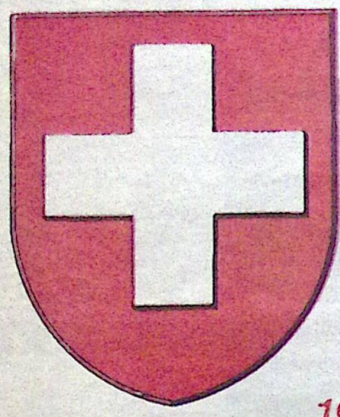
Abby is 10 years-old and is an honor student at Midway Elementary School. She plays the piano and competes with Rocky Mountain Express Cloggers on a National level. Abby was on the Junior All-American Clogging team last year and is a very generous and giving young lady who enjoys helping others. Abby is proud to be a citizen of Midway and is looking forward to the experiences she will have this coming year.

Lindsay Mason, Attendant — Daughter of Scot and Terry Mason

Lindsay is the youngest in her family and the only daughter. She is in the seventh grade at Rocky Mountain Middle School. Lindsay loves to sing and dance and has been involved in Annie, Wicked and other performances with Show Business Dance Company. She loves all sports, especially skiing and horseback riding. Lindsay is grateful to have been chosen as an attendant this year.

While all of these young ladies have varied interests and talents, they share a love of community service. They have been actively serving the community by making homemade cards for members of the community, making blankets for the Children's Justice Center and participating in the Midway City cleanup. They enjoyed getting dusty and dirty in the dark recesses of the Old Town Hall. Look for them in the near future as they visit with the elderly at a local nursing home and plant flowers at Town Square and perform other acts of service. The Swiss Miss Royalty and their families are looking forward to a year full of memorable experiences and would like to thank the community for their support.





# MIDWAY SWISS DAYS

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## Town Square Events and Entertainment

Friday  
Sept. 2

Saturday  
Sept. 3

8:00 ..... **MARKET OPENS**  
 9:20 ..... *Swiss Miss Royalty*  
 9:45 ..... *Campfire Cowboys*  
 10:30 ..... *Charleston Folk*  
 11:15 ..... *Salzburger Echo*  
 12:00 ..... *Hobb's & Todd's Polka Band*  
 12:45 ..... *Kerry Christensen*  
 1:30 ..... *Lee Fugal*  
 2:15 ..... *Salzburger Echo*  
 3:00 ..... *One Voice*  
 3:45 ..... *James O'Neil Miner*  
 4:30 ..... *Kerry Christensen*  
 5:30 ..... *Lee Fugal*  
 7:00 ..... *Swiss Chorus Musical*

6:00 ..... **PRE-REGISTER 10K RUN\*\***  
 7:00 ..... **10K RUN**  
 7:00 ..... **CHUCKWAGON BREAKFAST**  
 8:00 ..... **MARKET OPENS**  
 8:40 ..... **SWISS MISS ROYALTY**  
 9:00 ..... *Acting Up!*  
 9:30 ..... *4 Accords*  
 10:00 ..... **PARADE**  
 11:00 ..... *Letter Carriers Band*  
 11:45 ..... *Swiss Chorus Sampler*  
 12:00 ..... *James O'Neil Miner*  
 12:45 ..... *Kerry Christensen*  
 1:45 ..... *Beehive Statesmen*  
 2:30 ..... *James O'Neil Miner*  
 3:15 ..... *One Voice*  
 4:00 ..... *Kerry Christensen*  
 4:00 ..... **BARBECUE DINNER**  
 4:45 ..... *Sorensen Family*  
 5:30 ..... *River Road*  
 7:00 ..... *Swiss Chorus Musical*

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2:00 *Swiss Hand Bell Ringers - Britt Wilde Director*  
 4:00 *William Tell - Moira Michaels & Bill Gardner, Directors*  
       *Swiss Children's Chorus - Jenn Jackson Director*  
 7:00 *Swiss Miss Royalty*  
       *Swiss Chorus Musical*

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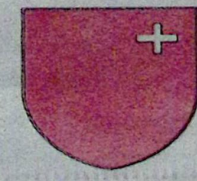
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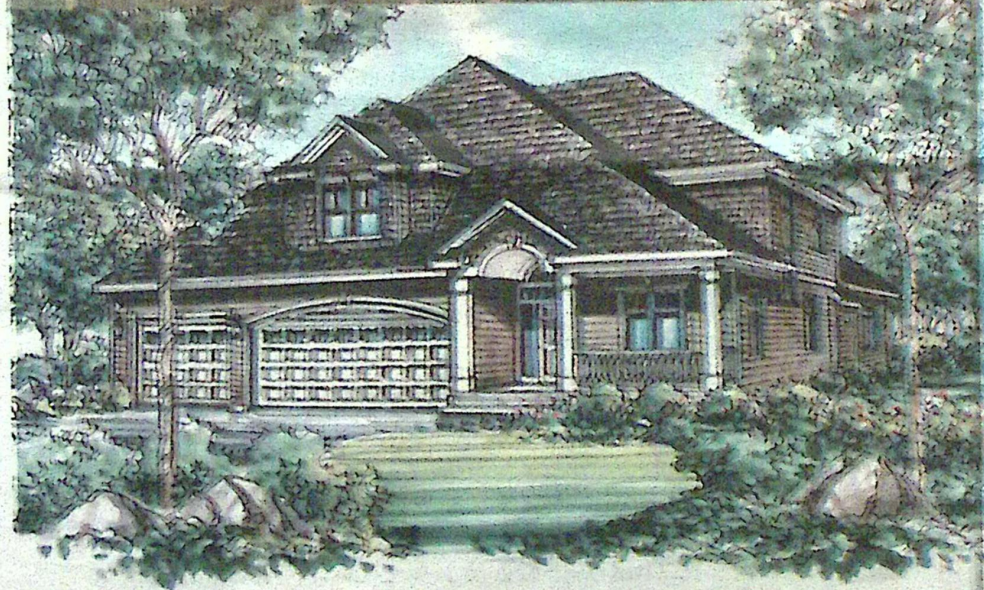
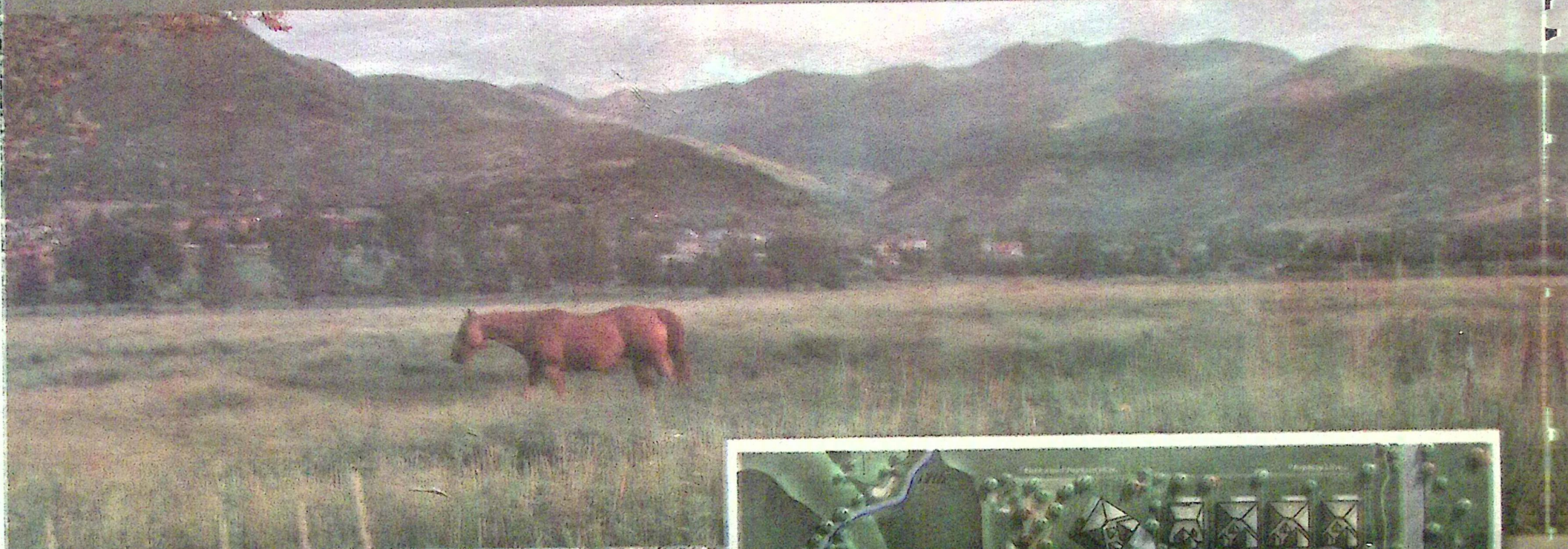




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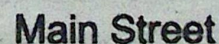
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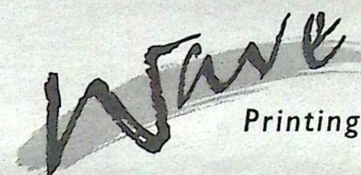








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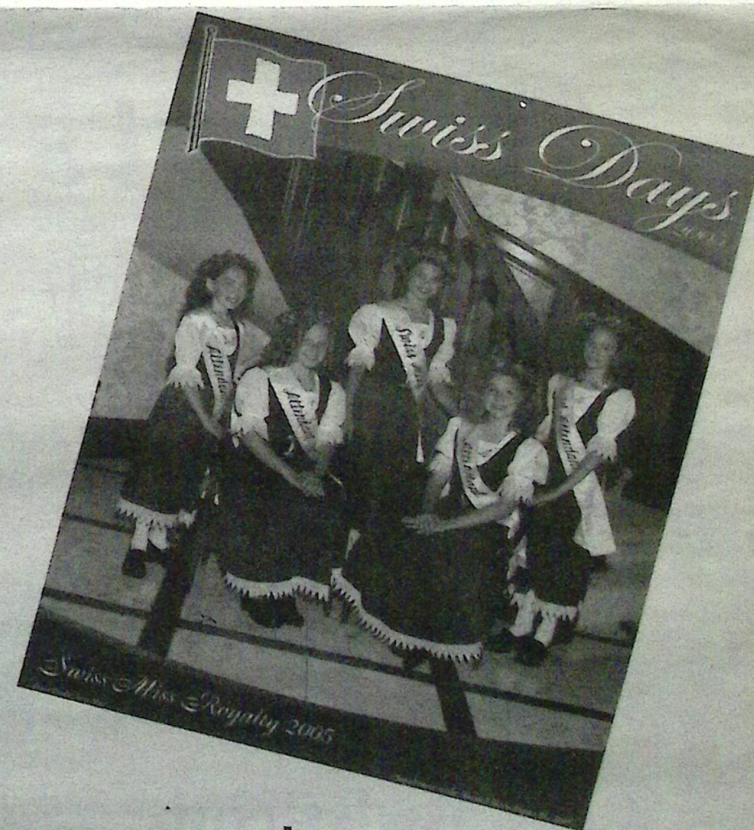


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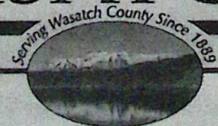
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# Heber Valley Children Delight Audiences During Swiss Day

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## William Tell Told Again

Switzerland's National Hero celebrates 200th Worldwide Anniversary

The Swiss, against their Austrian Foes, had ne'er a soul to lead em.  
Till Tell, as you've heard tell, arose and guided them to freedom.  
Tell's tale we tell again – and act for which pray no one scold us –  
This tale of Tell we tell, in fact, as this Tell tale was told us.

P G Wodehouse, 1904

In honor of Switzerland's national hero, William Tell, and the Swiss play's 200th anniversary, Moira Michaels has written a new adaptation of the play to celebrate this historic event throughout Midway's Swiss Days. Many children from around the beautiful Heber Valley will participate in three presentations of the newly revised play. Two performances are scheduled on Friday at 11:00 am and 4:00 pm and the final performance is on Saturday at 4:00 pm.

Under the direction of Bill Gardner and Moira Michaels the children will present old and new characters as well as new dance scenes. Diana Gardener and Lynette Rasmussen designed, sewed and crafted new costumes for the children to wear. Doug Gray created and supervised the construction of a new set design to add ambiance to the children's performance.

Moira Michaels invites all to "Come and experience the charm that is Midway" as the children once again pay tribute to Midway's favorite old fashioned Swiss hero, William Tell, in a uniquely modern way!

## Musical Memories of Midway

Presented by the Children's Swiss Chorus

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Jennifer Jackson and her assistant, Carla Willets, have spent many hours with the children preparing them for performance.

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## "REMEMBERING HARVEST DAYS"



by Robin Johnson

Booster President Joan Rasband said this year's parade theme is "Remembering Harvest Days" the forerunner to the Swiss Days of the present. Harvest Days was a festival in celebration of the harvest where locals gathered for food and entertainment. In 1954 the name was changed to Swiss Days and has gradually turned into one of the largest celebrations in the state of Utah, usually drawing crowds of tourists estimated at 70,000 to 80,000.

Midway's new Main Street Beautification project, coupled with the fact that several traditional parking areas were planted in grain this year, has given Jason Probst a challenge. Probst is over Swiss Days parking. The Swiss Days Committee noticed the dedicated handicapped parking in the Midway Post Office parking lot was not being used, therefore it will not be offered this year. They also decided not to offer volunteer parking but to encourage volunteers to use the shuttles. Rasband said shuttles will run frequently, probably about every ten minutes.

New decorative lighting on Main Street, part of the beautification project, will sport new banners for Swiss Days.

In the southwest corner of Town Square, Rasband said, regular visitors will notice a new layout. The Swiss Days committee noticed the area has been quite congested. Traditionally, these aisles have run north and south. Midway city recorder, Brad Wilson, redesigned the layout to alleviate congestion. Wilson's new configuration includes aisles running east and west. The new layout has resulted in a few less booths, however it created more corner booths, a draw for vendors, since corner booths have two sides and offer them more visibility.

Midway's Swiss Miss were unable to decorate and ride on their own float this year. "The float needs so much work," Rasband said. "It was going to be so costly. We felt we would be better off, for our girls safety, using cars." The dealers they have been generous. Some have donated cars for the girls to ride in, others have charged a small fee. Transport in the canyons is another safety issue with the old float frame, it required both a lead and a follow car to get it down the canyons. Refurbishing the float is something the Boosters will consider in the future after they've saved up a few years.

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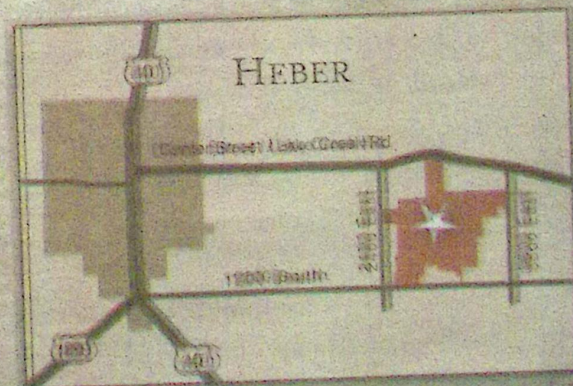
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